



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS  
PAUL B. MORGAN, JR.  
CHAIRMAN  
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
CLERK  
KENNETH G. TRINDER

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

January 1, 1958

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

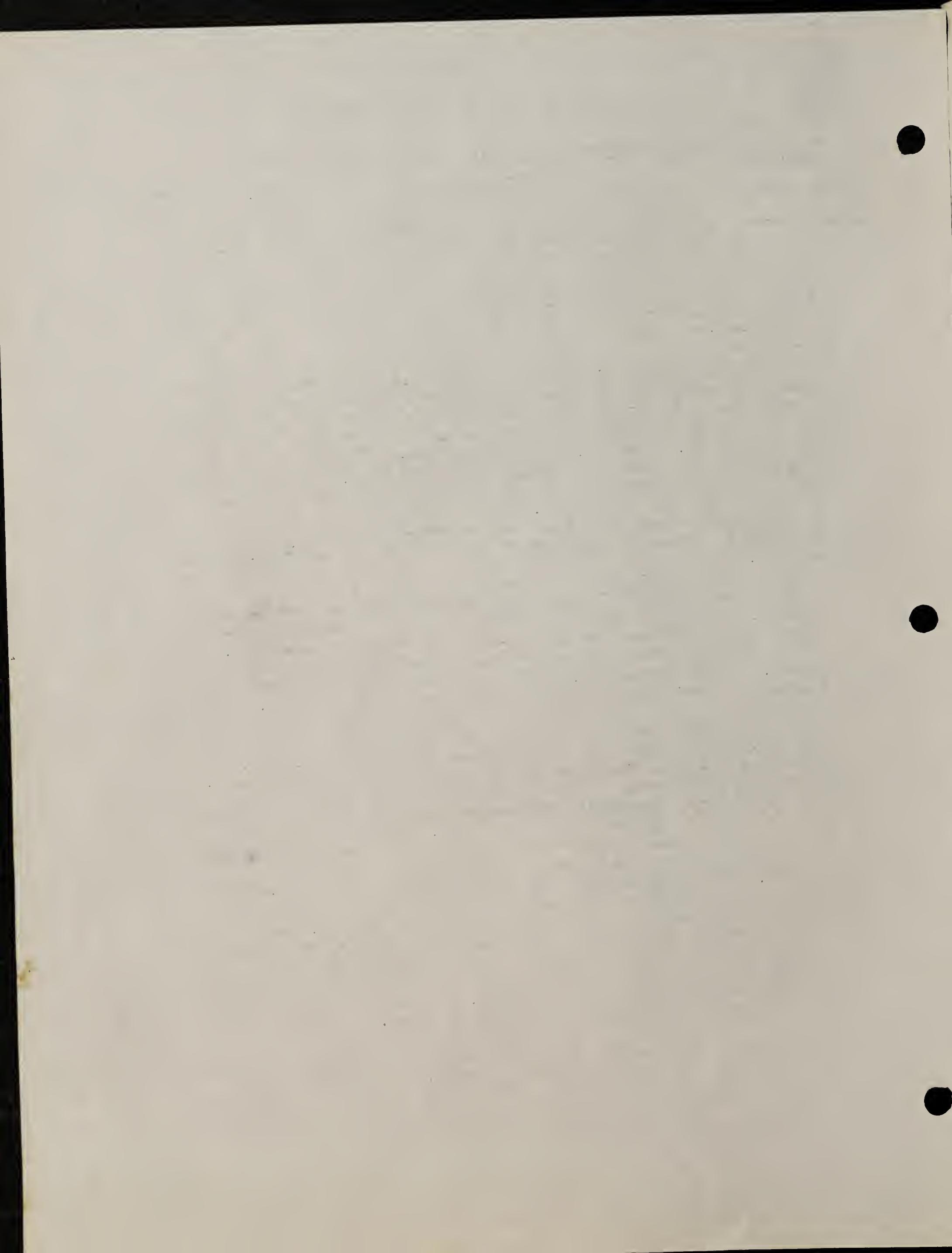
It was anticipated that a great deal of patching work would be necessary on our tar roads this year prior to retreading, inasmuch as lack of funds prevented our doing any maintenance work on them in the last year, and such was the case. However, since only one-third of the money requested for road maintenance was allowed, it took nearly all of this account to patch the pot holes and raveled edges of our tar road net. The little that was left was insufficient to accomplish any retreading work and was devoted to obtaining culvert which are also desperately needed.

We are somewhat more fortunate with our gravel road system, since the material necessary for retreading and other maintenance consists mainly of muscle and sweat, with a small amount of relatively inexpensive gravel added. It was possible, therefore, to keep the gravel road net in rather good condition throughout the season.

Once again we should like to call to your attention that neglect or skimpy maintenance of our tar road investment is false economy and should not be continued.

A serious drought that lasted nearly all summer caused us a number of anxious hours. At times our water supply available for fighting fires was less than 25% of normal and in general did not go above 50% all summer. Twice during the season, the Governor closed the woods to the public, and the Reservation followed suit in closing its woodlands and gravel roads. During these periods the Reservation Staff maintained a patrol of the entire area for approximately twenty of the twenty-four hours, to insure that there would be no chance of any fire getting a head start. We were fortunate in that no fires occurred on the Reservation.

Rest and relaxation is the principle product of our Reservation during the summer months, and since a view often contributes to this, considerable time was devoted to the clearing and mowing of areas from which the best views are obtained. Picnic tables and rubbish barrels



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

are also put in these strategic spots and enjoy heavy usage. We are now putting out approximately one-hundred and thirty tables each season, and have not yet reached the saturation point. It would be interesting to know just how many tables would be needed to completely satisfy our visitors, but in the meantime we continue to add to the number on hand.

Rest and relaxation give way to exercise and enthusiasm when there is sufficient snow cover for the winter sports fans and in their behalf we have attempted to keep the ski trails sufficiently smooth and closely mowed to insure a maximum of skiing on a minimum of snow. It might be well to consider the possibility of establishing additional ski facilities at the Reservation in the not too distant future, in view of the recent advances in the production of artificial snow and the Reservation's ideal location in a heavily populated section of the Commonwealth.

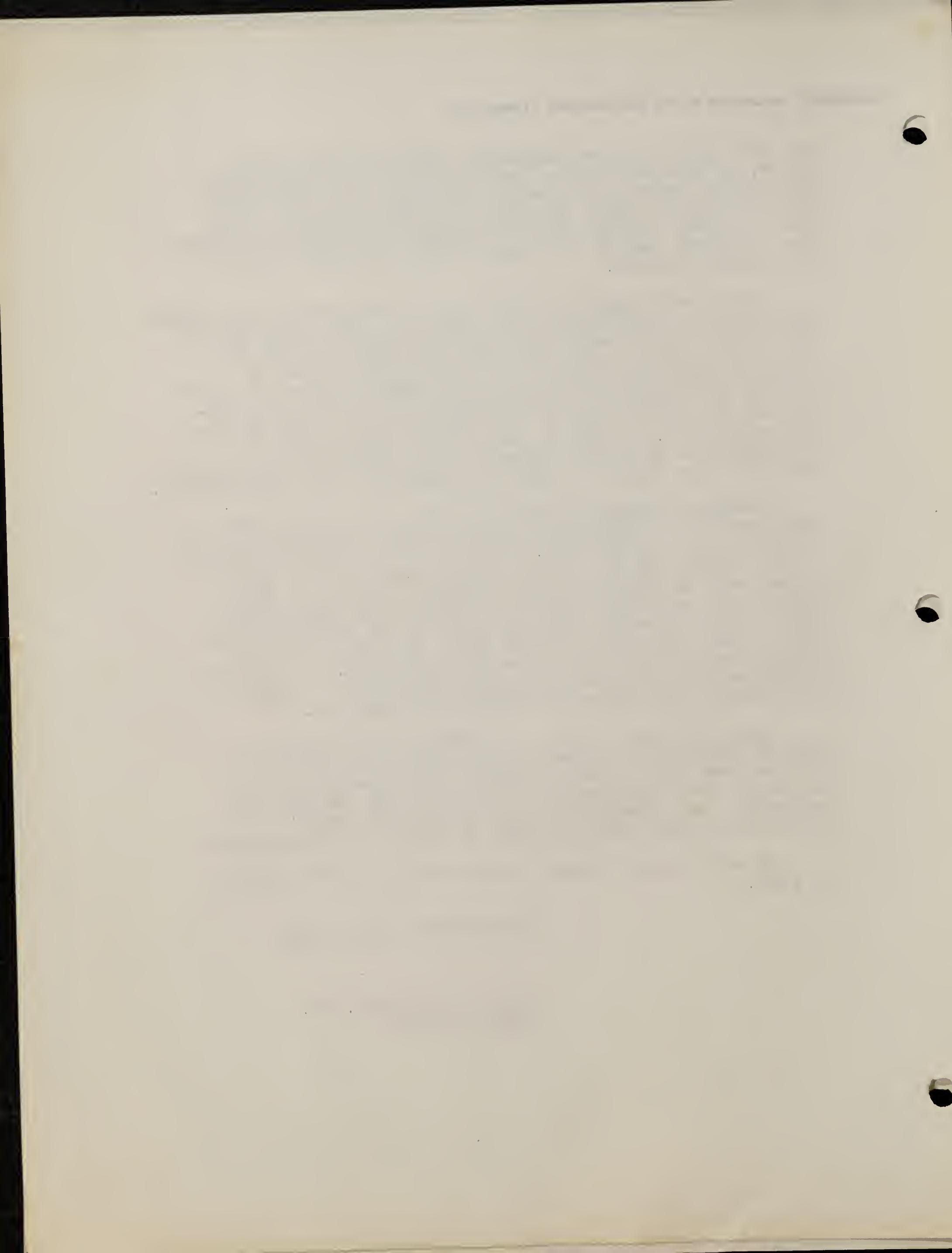
Cordwood cutting continued, as in the past, with sufficient wood being harvested to meet the Reservation's needs for the coming year. There was also a small amount of oak lumber cut at the same time, and put into the lumber yard in anticipation of future needs. The State District Forester has agreed to assist the Reservation Staff in the selection of areas and trees for harvesting and in that direction several acres of woods have been marked for cutting during the winter months. If this type of harvesting meets with general approval it is planned to continue its use on all Reservation cutting.

Again, we have noticed no decline in the number of visitors during the summer season and it is estimated that we have had at least 125,000 visitor-days at the Mountain. The continuation of such visitor density is extremely gratifying and helps to keep the Staff's morale at a high pitch in spite of other discouragements.

We are looking forward to a busy and useful season in 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Earle R. Vickery, Jr.  
Superintendent



WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Library of the Morgan Construction Company  
Worcester, Massachusetts

13 March 1958                    10:35 AM

Present were:    Mr Morgan, Chairman  
                      Mr Campbell, Clerk  
                      Mr Trinder

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morgan and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

A discussion was held on the reasons for the action taken by the County Commissioners on the Budget Estimate for the Reservation for 1958. Various means of protesting the cuts made by the County Commissioners were taken up and it was finally decided that it would be necessary for the Commission to appear in protest, wherever necessary, on these adverse actions. An appeal to the Governor was suggested as the final step that could be taken by the Wachusett Commission.

(At a hearing of the Committee on Counties in Boston on March 10th, the County Commissioners had agreed to reinstate several items that had been previously cut. This was in response to an appearance and protest by the Wachusett Commission and a sympathetic Committee)

The meeting was then opened for the election of officers for the year and Mr Trinder was nominated for Chairman and unanimously elected. Mr Morgan turned the Chair over to Mr Trinder.

Mr Campbell was nominated for the office of Clerk and unanimously reelected.

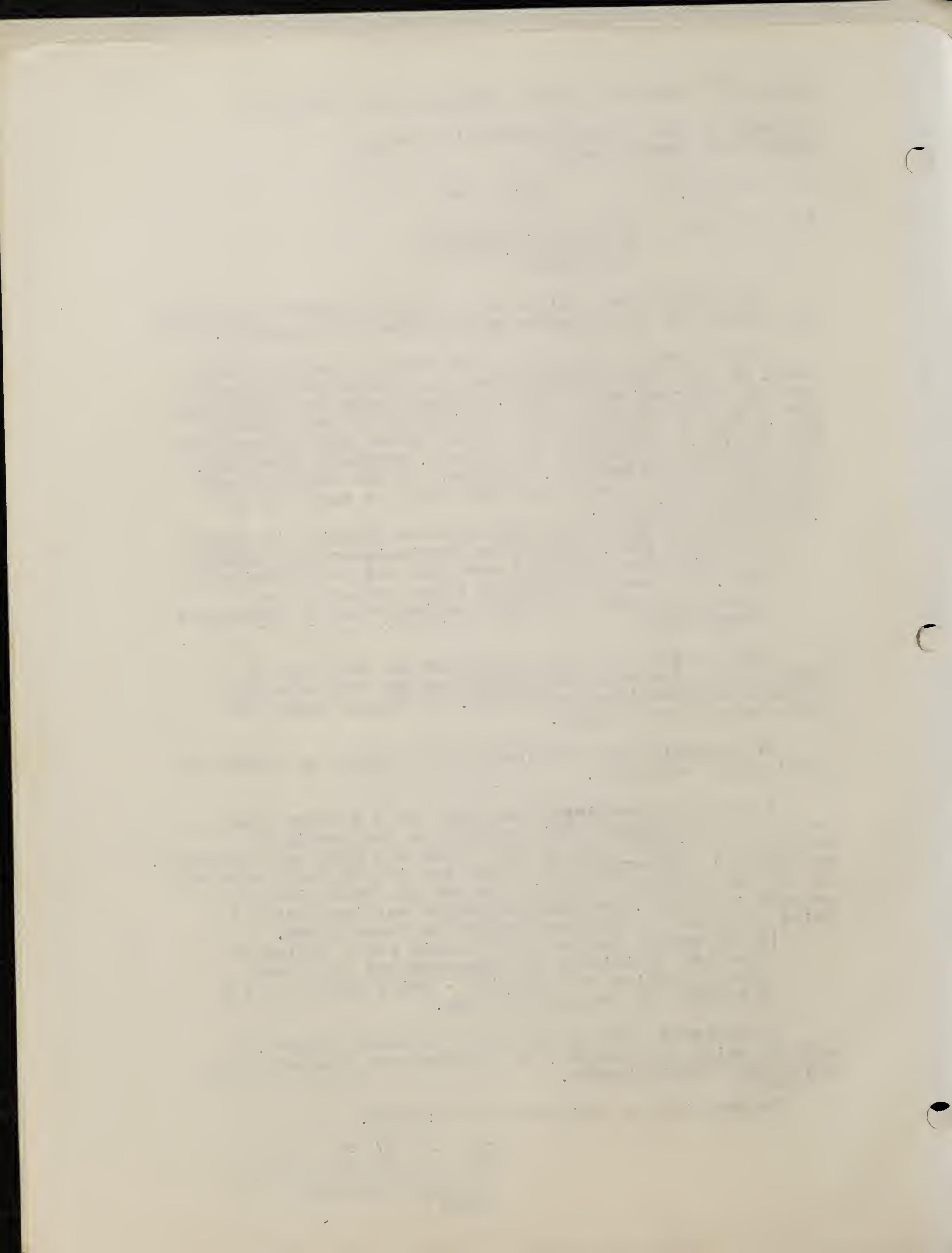
A letter requesting permission for a research lab to establish a temporary radio station on the Summit to conduct experiments for the Air Force was read and discussed. Mr Campbell suggested that it was not in the best interests of the Reservation to permit the use of facilities by private interests. The Superintendent was instructed to write a letter to the research lab on these lines.

(A subsequent letter from the Air Force asking for the same facilities was approved and they have such a station in operation - being manned by the personnel of the research lab.)

It was moved and passed that the Annual Report, a copy of which is attached, be accepted and transmitted to the County Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM..

*Charles B. Campbell*  
Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



M E E T I N G      N O T I C E

80 December 1958

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

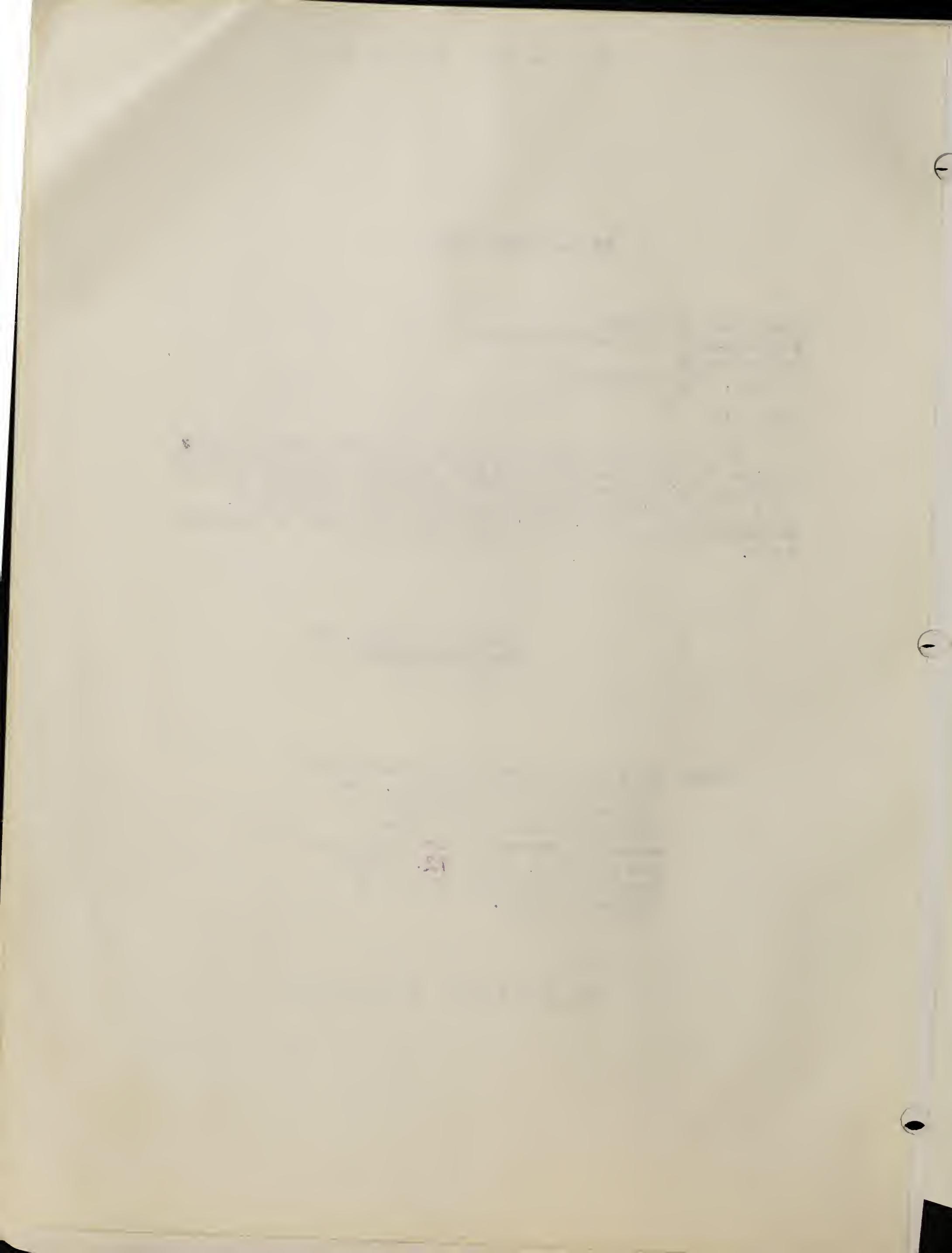
Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958 notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the office of Chairman Kenneth G Trinder in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at 10:00 o'clock AM on the 9th of January, 1959.

Earle R Vickery. Jr  
Superintendent

Note: This is the form to be used for notification of meetings. Send one copy to the Secretary of State and one copy to the ~~Commissioner~~ of Administration and Finance, Room 302, State House to be posted on their bulletin board.

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# HOUSE . . . . . No. 439

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By Mr. Howard of Westminster, petition of J. Philip Howard and others that the Wachusett Mountain Reservation Commission be directed to investigate the advisability of installing a ski run and other winter sport facilities on the northerly slope of Mount Wachusett. Natural Resources.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

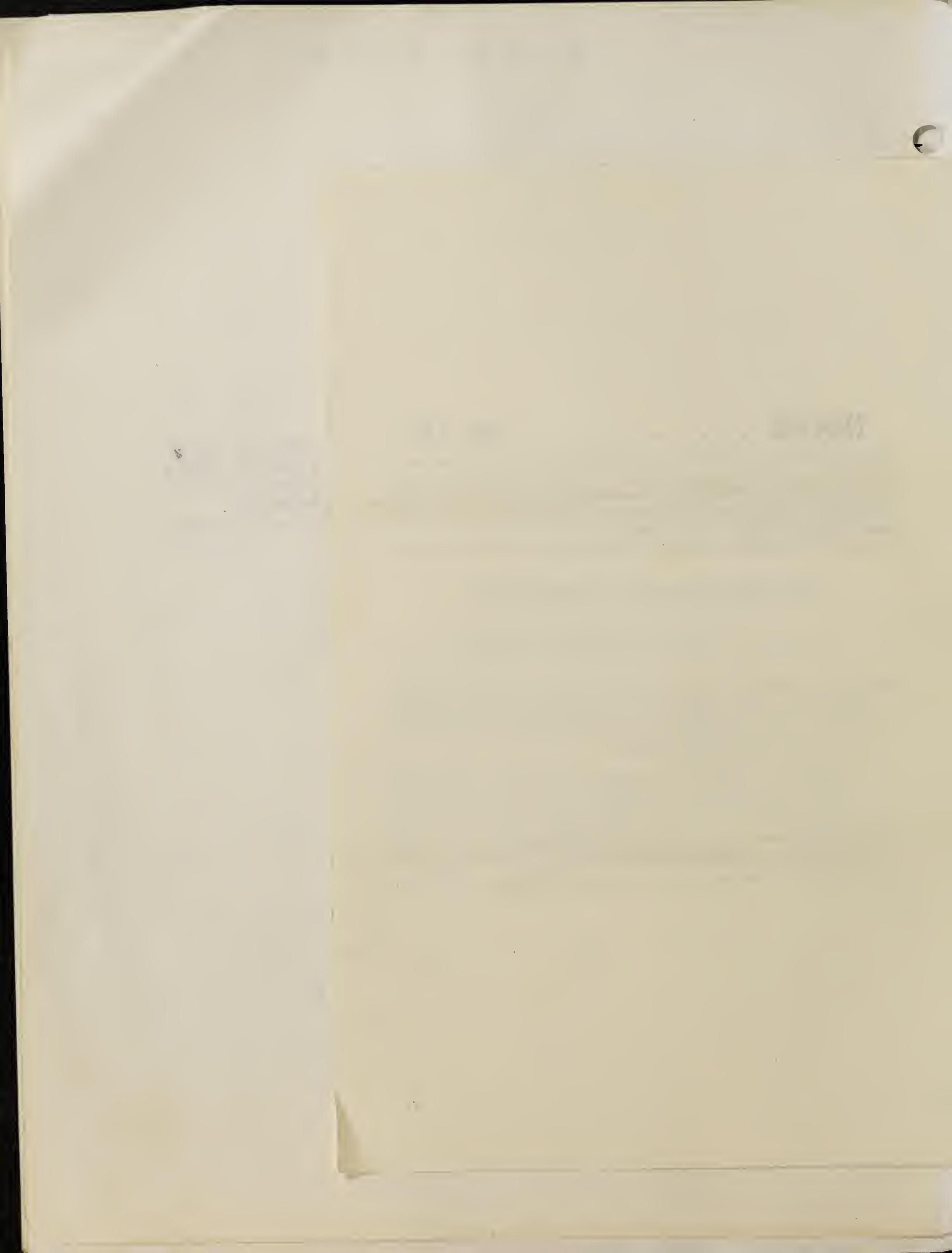
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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

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RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE ADVISABILITY OF INSTALLING A SKI RUN AND OTHER WINTER SPORT FACILITIES ON THE NORTHERLY SLOPE OF MOUNT WACHUSSETT.

1   *Resolved*, The Wachusett mountain reservation commission  
2 is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation of  
3 the advisability and feasibility of installing a ski run and other  
4 sport facilities on the northerly slope of Mount Wachusett. For  
5 such purpose the said commission may expend such sums not  
6 exceeding five thousand dollars as may be appropriated therefor.





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.

SUPERINTENDENT

1 January 1959

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

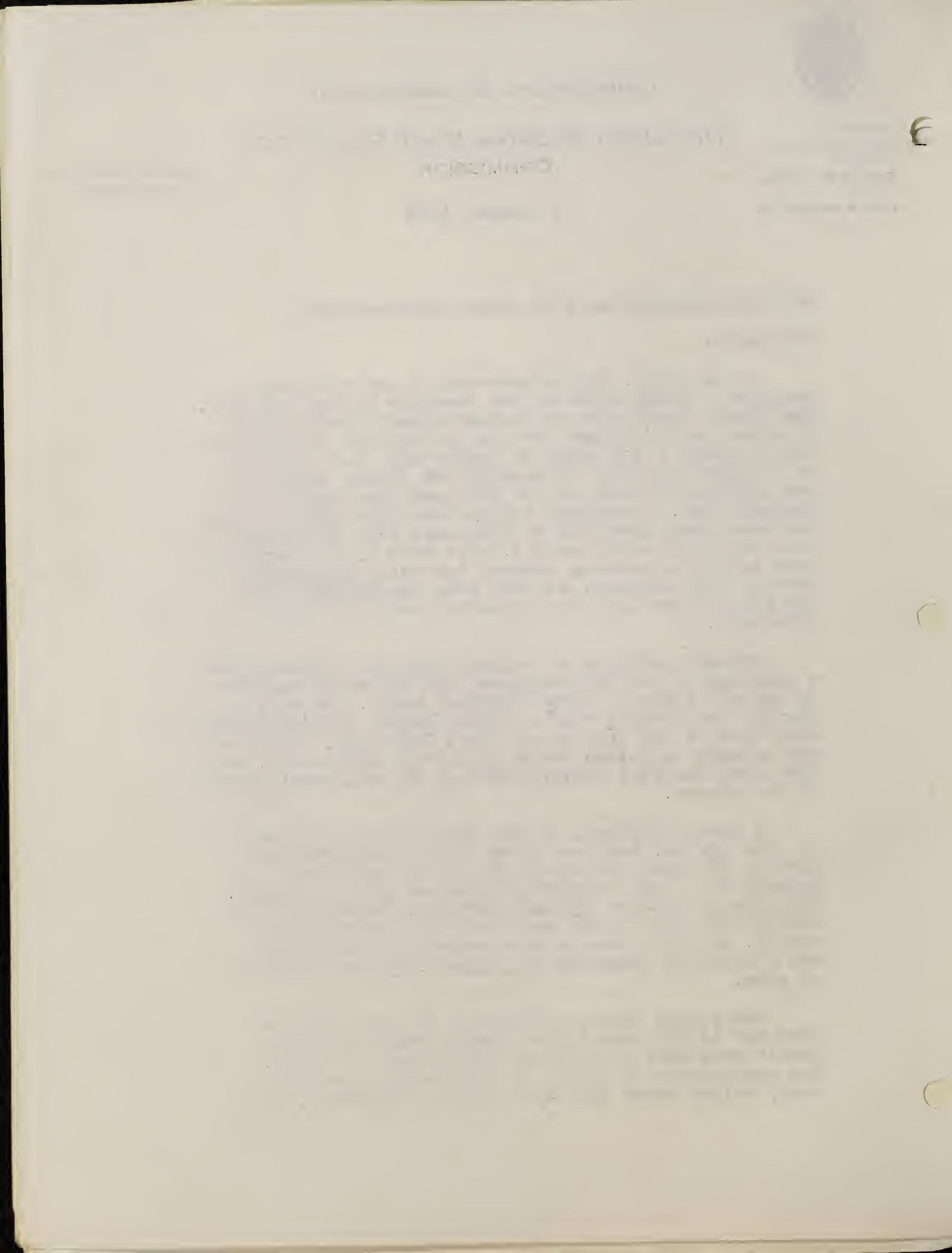
Gentlemen:

As is usual, the maintenance of our road net occupied a major place in our thoughts during the year. The County Commissioners allowed a sufficient amount of money in our budget for the sealing and waterproofing of about 1 3/4 miles of paved road, but the delay of the General Court in passing the County budget did not permit of having any of the work done during the current year. A contract for the work has been let and the more needy sections of the roads will be done as soon as the weather permits. While this type of treatment does little or nothing towards improving the smoothness of the pavement, it will keep the weather out of the foundations and thus preserve them for future treatment.

Several sections of culvert pipe were on hand from a purchase of the previous year and the staff was able to install these in three critical areas. One will prevent the formation of a "frost heave" on Administration Road at the junction of Echo Lake Road, since the new culvert is buried below the normal frost line, and the other two will prevent washing of our gravel roads at two places.

A snow condition, in the late winter and through to late spring, that was ideal for the skiers, made work in the woods extremely difficult and it was impossible to cut as much cordwood as we normally do. The snow was not an unmixed blessing, however, as its additional height made our plantation pruning jobs easier. In some areas on the Reservation the staff was working on snowshoes on top of eight to ten feet of snow.

The spring skiing season was the best that we have had in the past ten or twelve years and the trails were well patronized through most of April. The combination of plenty of good skiing snow and warm, bright sunny days is certainly enjoyable, but



not frequently experienced in this area. A bill was introduced in the Legislature on behalf of the Commission, to authorize a study of the feasibility of establishing an area for skiing and other sports on the northern slopes of the Mountain, and it is anticipated that the skiers of not only this section but also those of the metropolitan Boston area will give it considerable support. It is expected that, if the slope is suitable for good skiing, equipment for the production of artificial snow will give us a long and profitable skiing season.

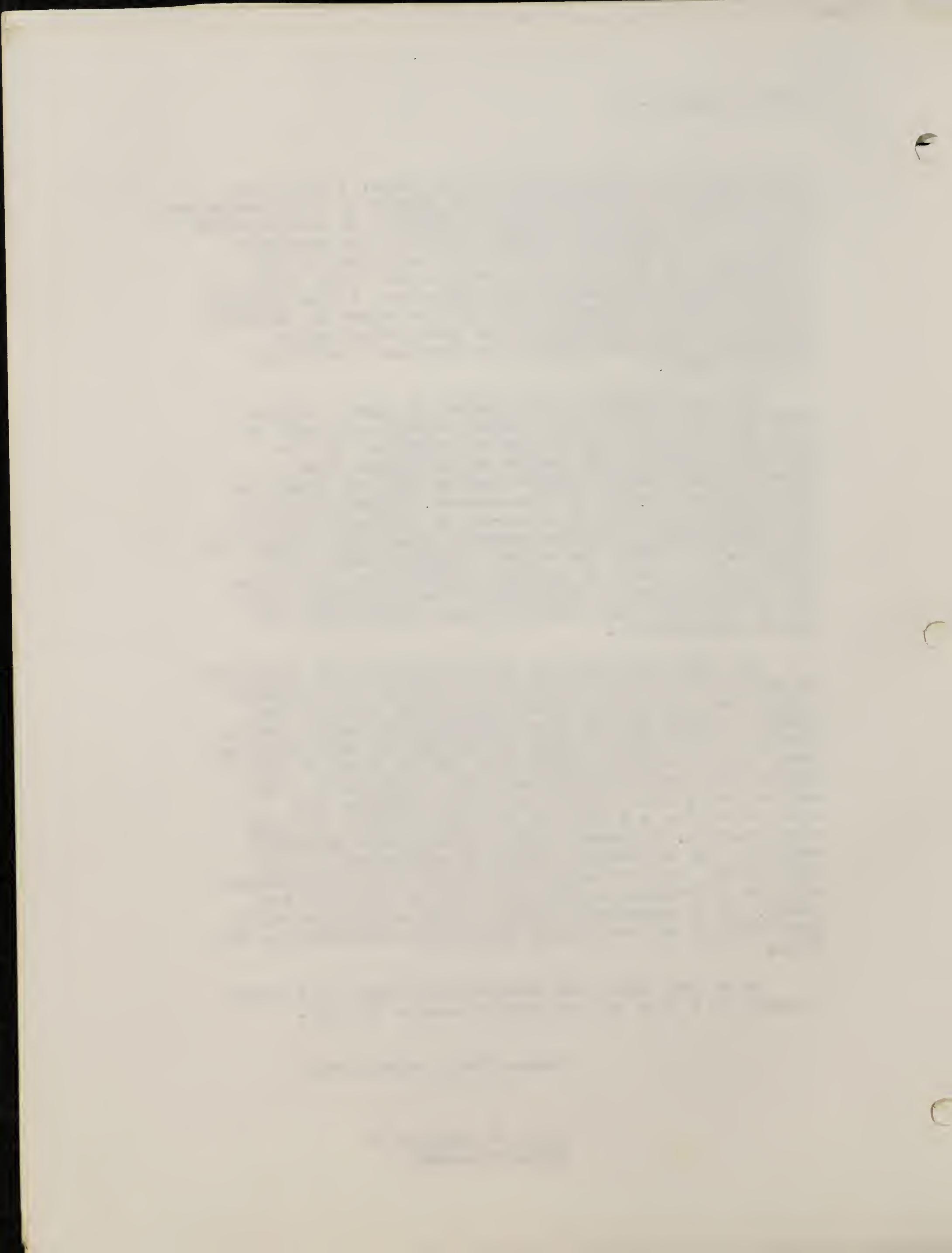
We again added to the number of picnic tables that are put out for the summer season and again we were not disappointed by their reception. We are putting out about 150 tables and estimate that approximately three hundred tables will be enough to take care of nearly all the demand. Unless there is some radical change in the rate of increased use of the Reservation, we will probably reach that figure in about seven years. One of our critical needs now, appears to be that of cook-out facilities, and areas are being studied to determine if we can permit the use of more open air fires without endangering the entire Reservation.

For the first time in the history of the Mountain, we were able to keep count on the number of vehicles using some of our roads and therefore, some of our areas. A count of the cars visiting the Summit over a period of ten weeks showed an average of over 1400 per week, with a high of about 2000 on the "best" day. Broken down into visitor-days and projected for the entire year, this figure and other sampling and estimates show a total use of approximately 127,000 visitor-days. It would appear that we are gradually reaching the saturation point on summer use of our facilities, and our annual increase in this department will be in smaller increments than in the past ten years. It is expected, however, that winter use will grow rapidly as our skiing population increases in the area.

As in the past, the Reservation staff is looking forward to a busy and sucessful season in 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

19 February 1959

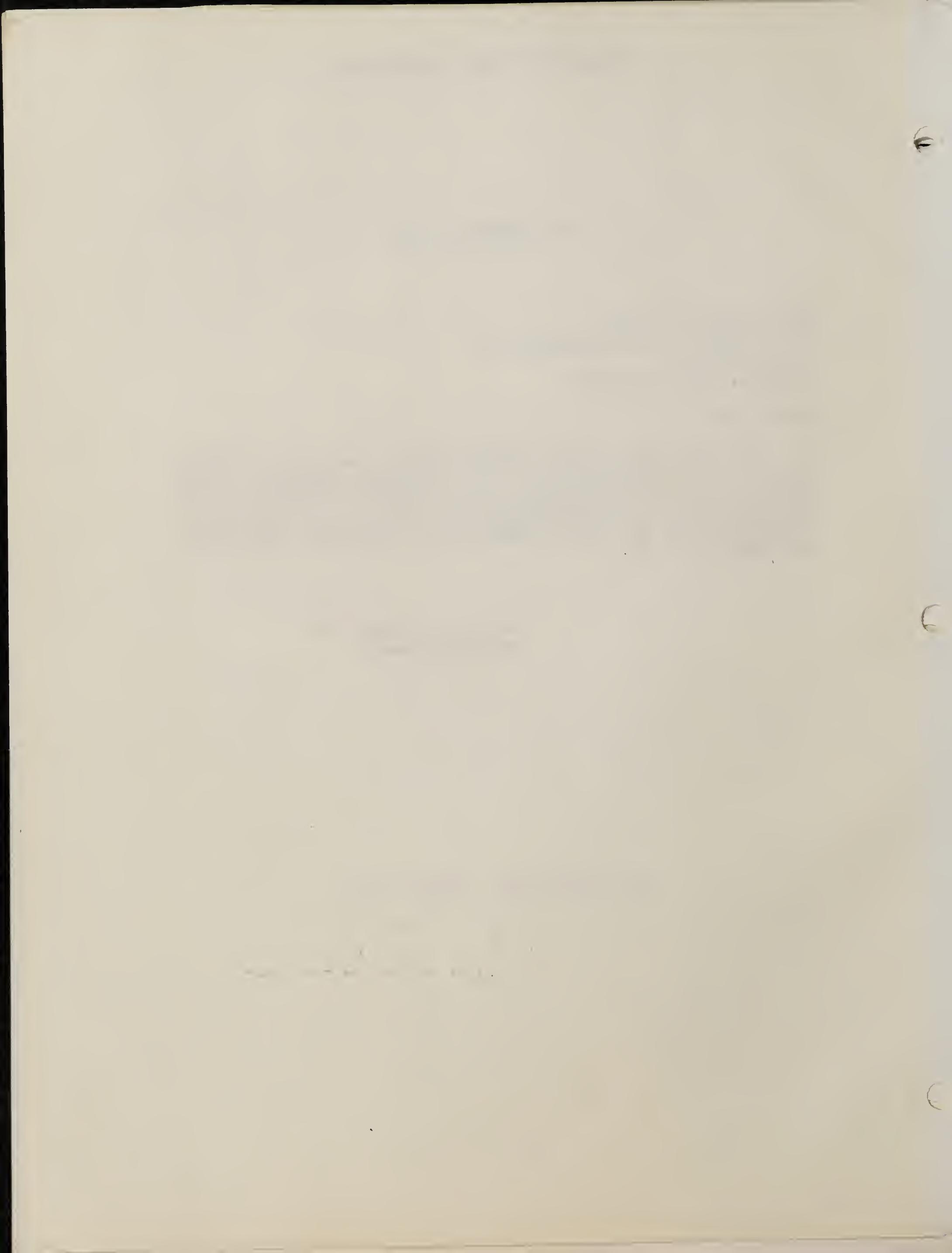
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
library of the Morgan Construction Company in Worcester,  
Massachusetts at 11:00 o'clock AM on Wednesday the 25th  
of February 1959.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

M E E T I N G   N O T I C E



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Library of Morgan Construction Company  
Worcester, Massachusetts

25 February 1959

11.10 AM

Present were: Mr Trinder, Chairman  
Mr Campbell, Clerk  
Mr. Morgan

The minutes of the previous meeting, 9 January 1959, were read by Mr Campbell. Voted to approve them as read.

The Commission then moved to organize for the coming year. Mr Trinder was nominated and unanimously reelected Chairman and Mr. Campbell was nominated and unanimously reelected Clerk.

A general discussion was held on the 1959 Budget Estimate, as cut by the County Commissioners, and it was agreed that the cuts were not excessive, and the Commission would not oppose them.

The problem of back rent owed the Reservation by the Santon's was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to press for the money owed. It was further decided to tear down the Santon Cottage when it next becomes vacant.

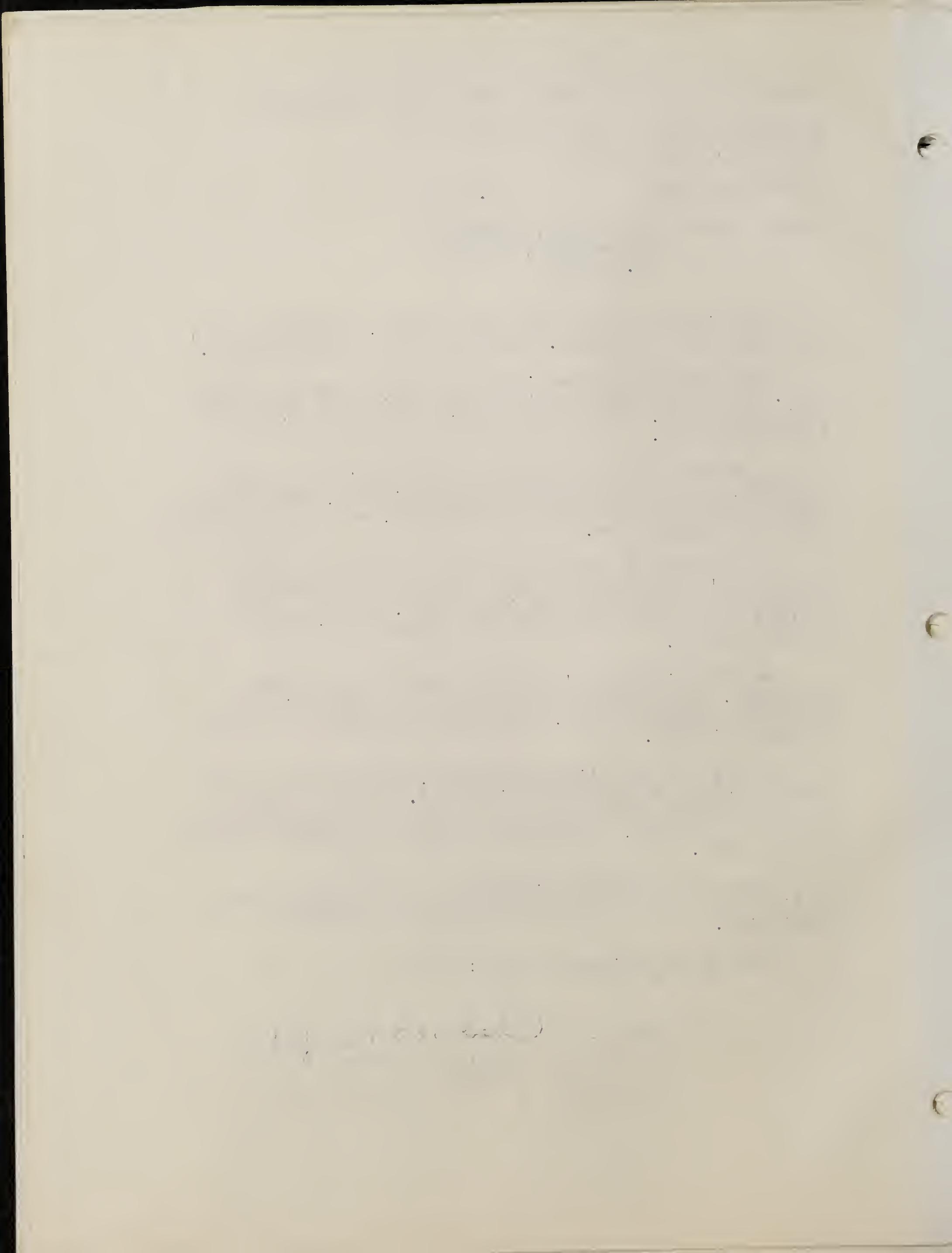
The Superintendent's Annual Report was read and discussed. It was approved as read for transmission to the County Commissioners. A copy of the report is a part of these minutes.

A copy of the skiing prospectus, as outlined by the Superintendent was read and discussed. It was suggested by Mr Campbell that a portion of the study appropriation, if any is received, be reserved to print a suitable report of the study.

There was a general discussion of the proposed new Summit House and the tentative plans were examined by the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

*Charles B. Campbell*  
Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

24 April 1959

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
Notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
library of the Morgan Construction Company in Worcester,  
Massachusetts at 10:00 AM on Tuesday the 28th of April  
1959.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Library of the Morgan Construction Company  
Worcester, Massachusetts

28 April 1959                  10:25 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Clerk  
                  Mr Morgan

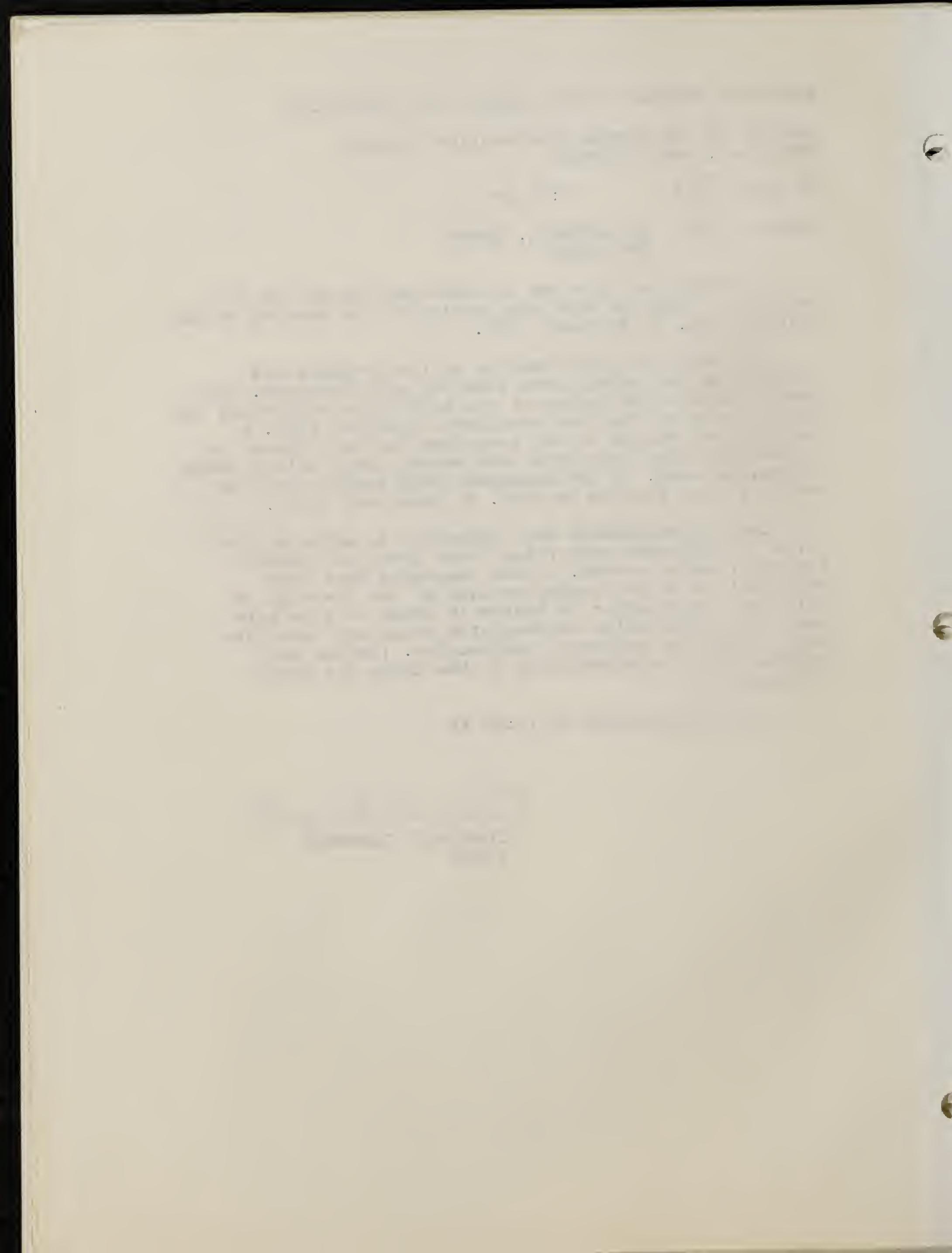
Mr Morgan was elected Chairman pro tem and it was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, 25 February 1959.

The estimates and drawings of the proposed new building at the Summit were examined and discussed. The general design and layout of the building was approved but the estimate of cost was considered much too high. A question was raised on the sandstone facing proposed as it was felt that this would not weather very well in such as exposed area. It was suggested that native stone or random course granite be used. So moved and voted.

The Superintendent was instructed to write to the Corps of Engineers concerning their proposed antenna for their radio system. It was suggested that they might sit in on the coming meeting at the Division of Building Construction in Boston in order to make sure that any construction contemplated would not interfere with present or proposed construction. (Letter was written and a representative of the Corps did attend the meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

*Charles B. Campbell*  
Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



MEETING NOTICE

7 November 1959

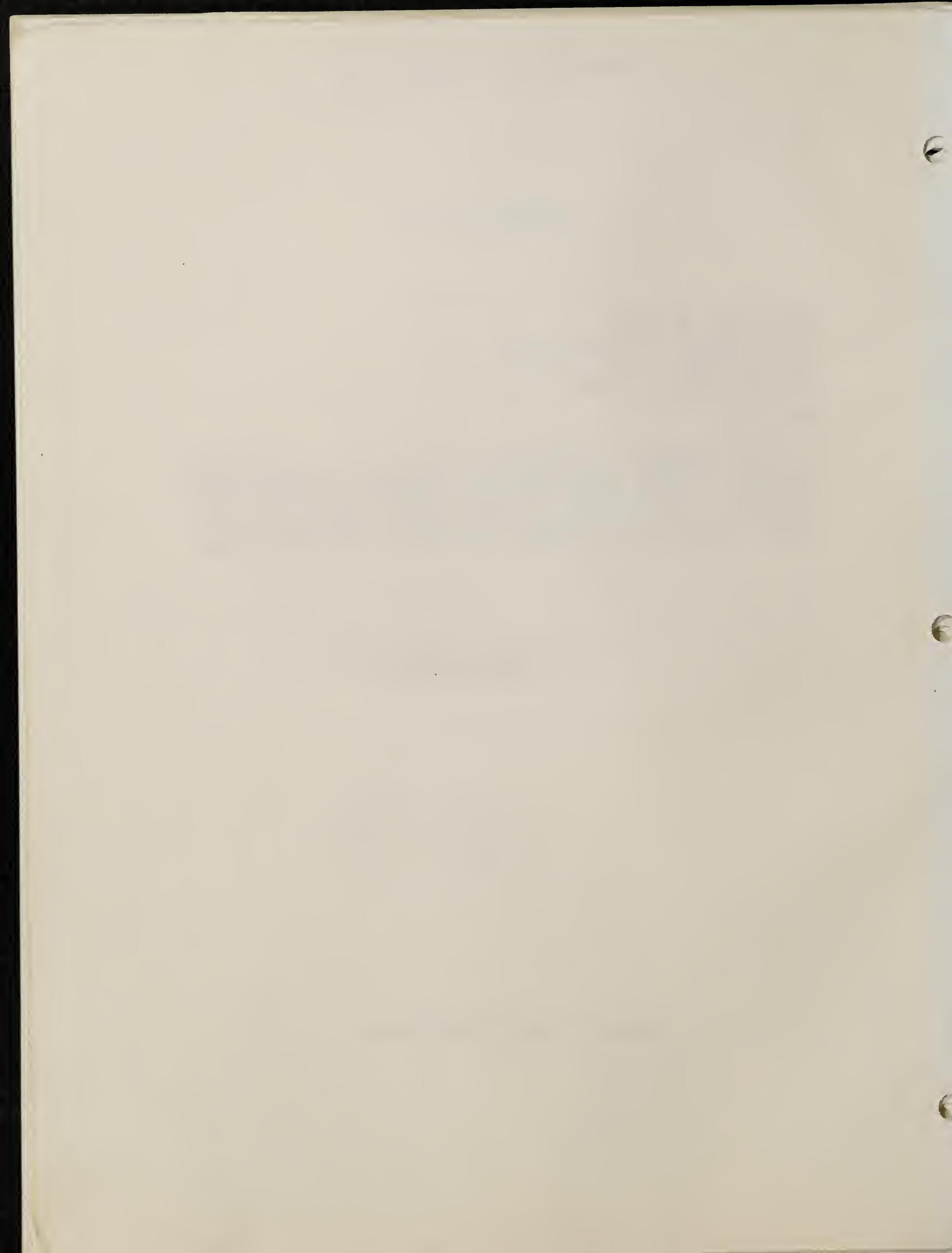
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
office of the Chairman, in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at  
1:00 o'clock P M on Tuesday the 10th of November, 1959.

Earle A Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the Chairman  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

10 November 1959                  1:05 PM

Present were:    Mr Trinder, Chairman  
                    Mr Campbell, Clerk  
                    Mr Liberatore

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman and after Mr Liberatore, who is replacing Mr Morgan on the Commission, had been introduced to the other members and brought up to date on current projects, the minutes of the meeting of 28 April were read. Voted to accept them as presented.

A letter of 12 August 1959 from Hanscom Field, USAF was read and discussed. They requested permission to retain the temporary testing set-up at the Summit for another year. It was moved and voted to permit this additional occupancy.

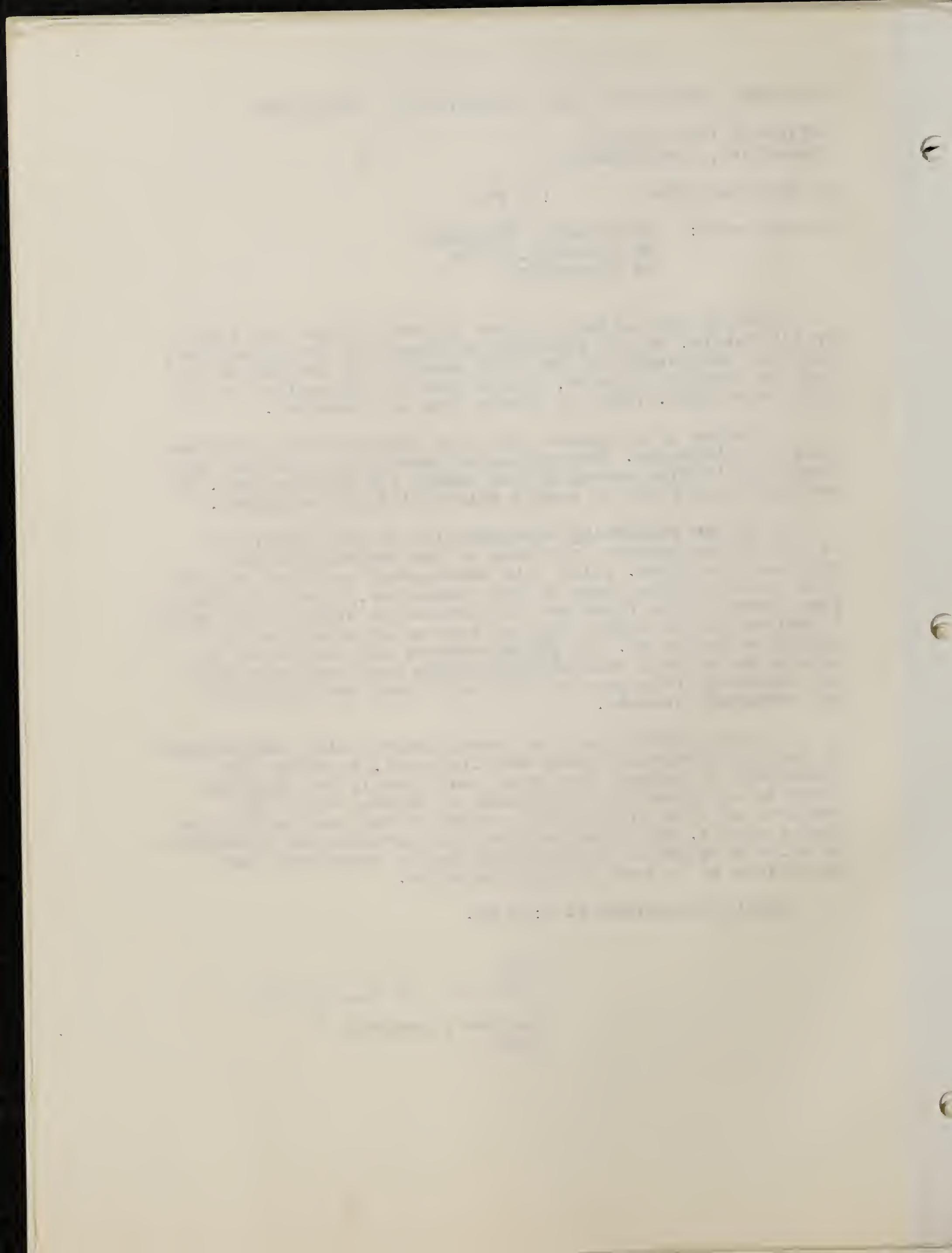
A letter requesting consideration on the subject of privately developing a ski area on the Reservation was read and discussed. While this development would be in line with the tentative plans of the Commission, It was decided that there should first be a comprehensive study of the area to determine the feasibility of such an area and how it should be developed. The Superintendent was instructed to inform the writers that the Commission could not entertain any proposals from private risk until they had completed all necessary studies.

A recent meeting of the Superintendent with Commissioner of Natural Resources Foster was discussed, in which the Department of Natural Resources would supply the necessary funds to carry out the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Resolves of 1959 calling for a study of the Reservation for winter sports. The Superintendent was directed and authorized to write a letter to Commissioner Foster requesting such assistance by a vote of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

*Charles B. Campbell*

Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



MEETING NOTICE

17 December 1959

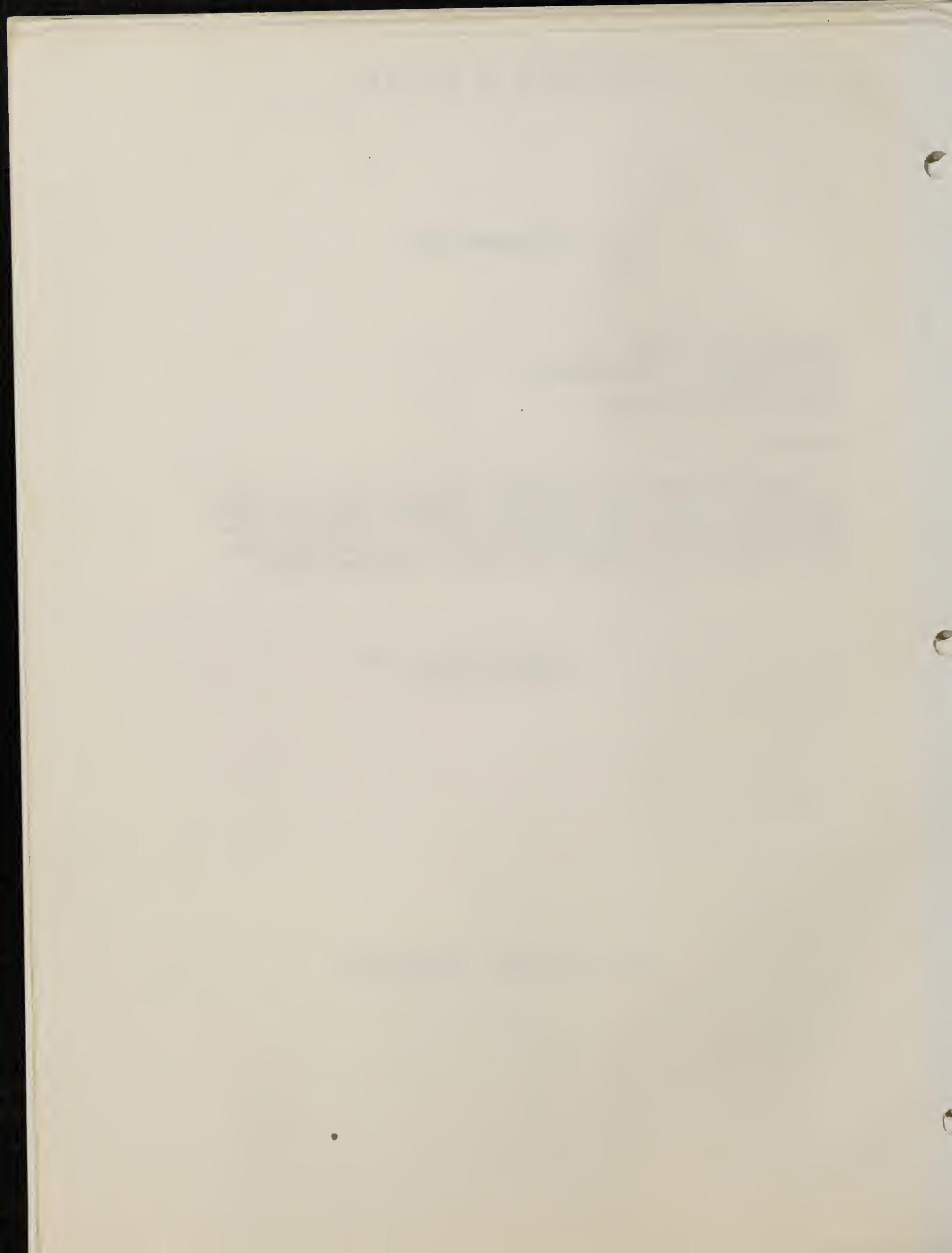
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
office of the Chairman, in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at  
1:00 o'clock PM on Monday the 21st of December 1959.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the Chairman  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

21 December 1959            1:20 PM

Present were: Mr Trinder, Chairman  
Mr Campbell, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

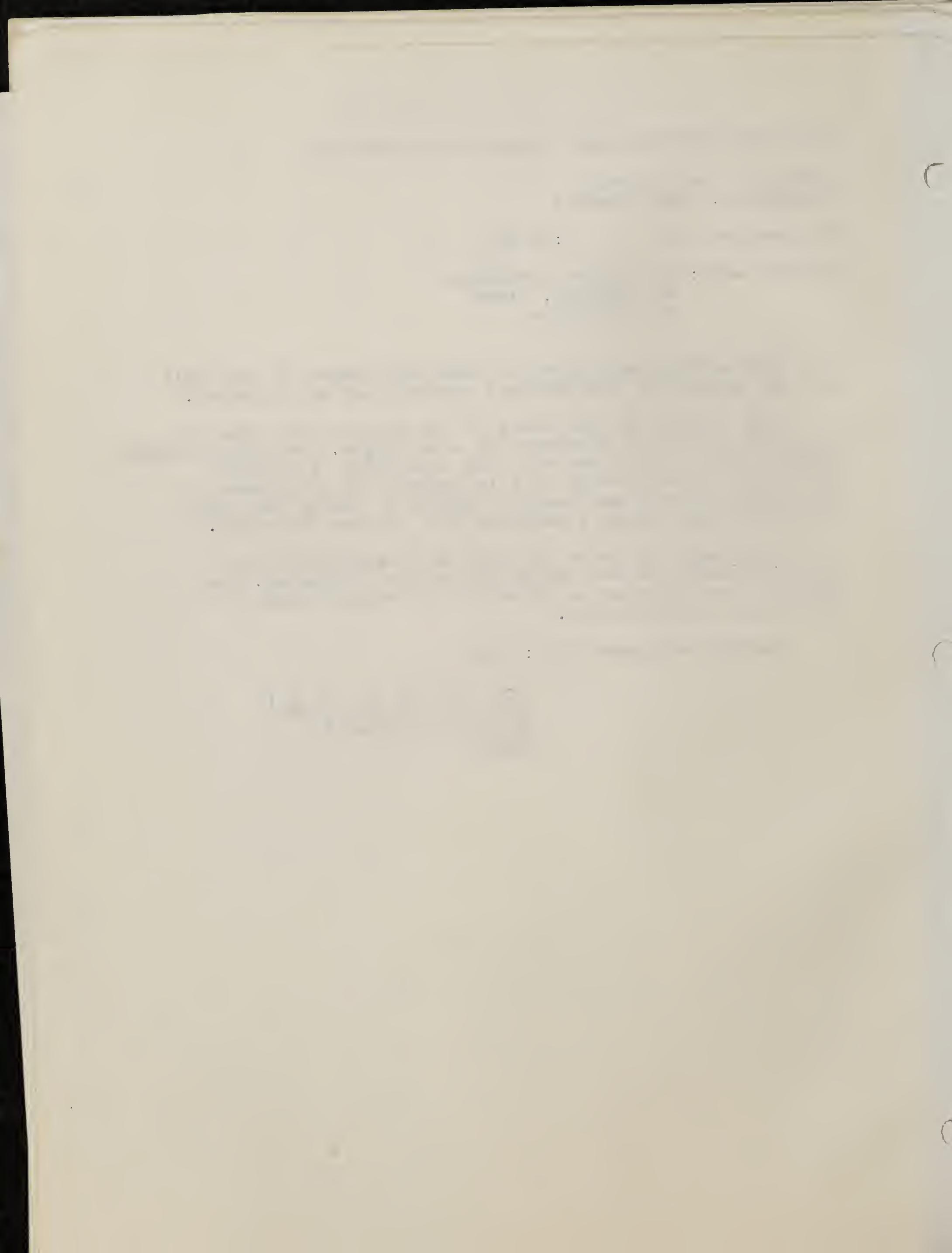
The meeting was called to order and opened by the Chair and the minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

The progress of the study of the proposed ski area on the Reservation was discussed at some length. The Superintendent stated that negotiations with the Department of Natural Resources for assistance on this project had progressed to the point where it was merely a matter of having the funds transferred and hiring a suitable firm to make the study.

The Budget Estimate for 1960 was presented by the Superintendent and the various items were discussed. The estimate was approved as presented for transmission to the County Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

*Charles B. Campbell*  
Charles B Campbell  
Clerk





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSIONERS  
KENNETH G. TRINDER  
CHAIRMAN  
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL  
CLERK  
~~PAUL B. MORGAN JR.~~  
F W Liberatore

WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

1 January 1960

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

We have, again, during the past year spent a considerable portion of our time in the warmer months working on our roads. A contract that was let last year provided a seal coat of asphalt on about one and three-quarters of a mile of our tar road net, and it was expected that we would be able to seal and waterproof at least that much more with funds appropriated for 1959. Nature decreed otherwise, however, and two severe tropical rain storms, separated by several weeks, washed our gravel roads to the point where they were impassable. The bulk of our road account and road work was, therefore, expended in repairing these roads. In addition to the emergency work, we purchased sufficient new culvert pipe to completely revamp the drainage system on one of these roads - Echo Lake Road.

This is the second time in the past few years that excessive rains have washed out our gravel roads. It is felt that this portends a change in the intensity of the storms that we will experience in this area, and we have determined several possible methods of containing the destructive force that these storms visit upon us. It is planned to put these ideas into effect on Echo Lake Road and evaluate them in the light of future storms. If they work, we will gradually extend them to the other roads on the Reservation.

Cordwood harvesting was carried on, as usual, during the winter months. It was noticed that our supply of heavy, special lumber for the construction of picnic tables and bridges has become severely depleted during the past couple of years and plans have been made to do some lumbering during the first part of the coming year.

New steps were constructed at the Summit House and a considerable portion of the porch floor was replaced with new oak lumber from the Reservation's stock. The

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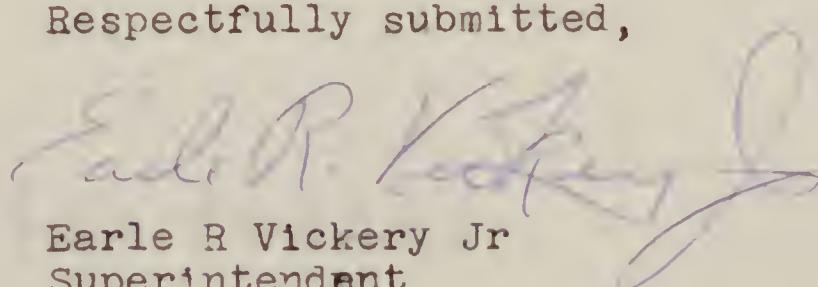
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remainder of the Summit House was painted, completeing one more full cycle. We can now consider starting at the tower and doing the entire job over again in the next year or two.

A Resolve passed by the General Court provided for a study to be made by the Reservation Commission to determine the feasibility and advisability of establishing a ski and other sports area on the northerly slopes of the Mountain. Preliminary work was started on this project but the fact that no funds were provided made it impossible to employ the personnel necessary to make such a survey. There is some chance that these funds may be made available to us from the Department of Natural Resources and the Superintendent is exploring that possibility. The preliminary work that was carried out by the Superintendent indicates that an up-to-date ski area is not only a possibility on the Reservation, but could also be made a paying proposition.

A sampling count of the number of cars visiting the Reservation during the summer months indicates that we have not gained any large amount during the past year. However, it would appear that we have had between 127,000 and 129,000 visitor days in 1959. If the proposed ski area is actually built, our visitor-day count will probably jump by one-half, with an estimated 50,000 of our count coming during the winter months. This would keep Wachusett Mountain in constant use throughout the entire year, and make it an outstanding link in the recreational facilities of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,



Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent



MEETING NOTICE

18 March 1960

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
office of the Chairman in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at  
12:30 o'clock PM on Tuesday the 22nd of March 1960.

Earle B Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the Chairman  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

22 March 1960

1:02 PM

Present were: Mr Trinder, Chairman  
Mr Campbell, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was called to order and opened by the Chairman and the minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

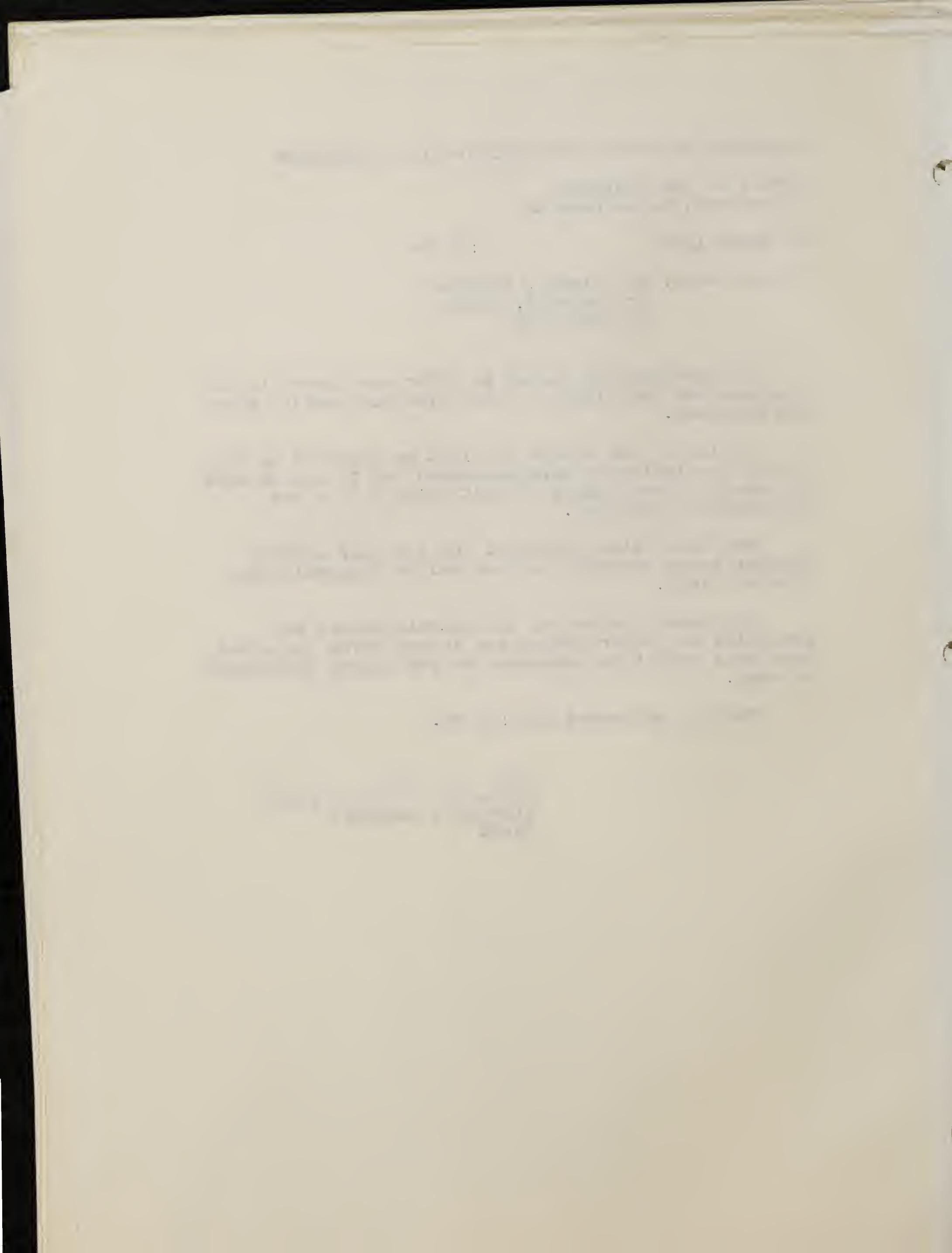
Copies of the budget for 1960 as approved by the County Commissioners were discussed and it was decided to accept these changes without going before the Committee on Counties.

The Commission organized for the year with Mr Trinder being elected Chairman and Mr Campbell being elected Clerk.

The annual report of the Superintendent was presented and after discussion it was moved and voted that this report be submitted to the County Commission as read.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

*Charles B. Campbell*  
Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



M E E T I N G    N O T I C E

9 December 1960

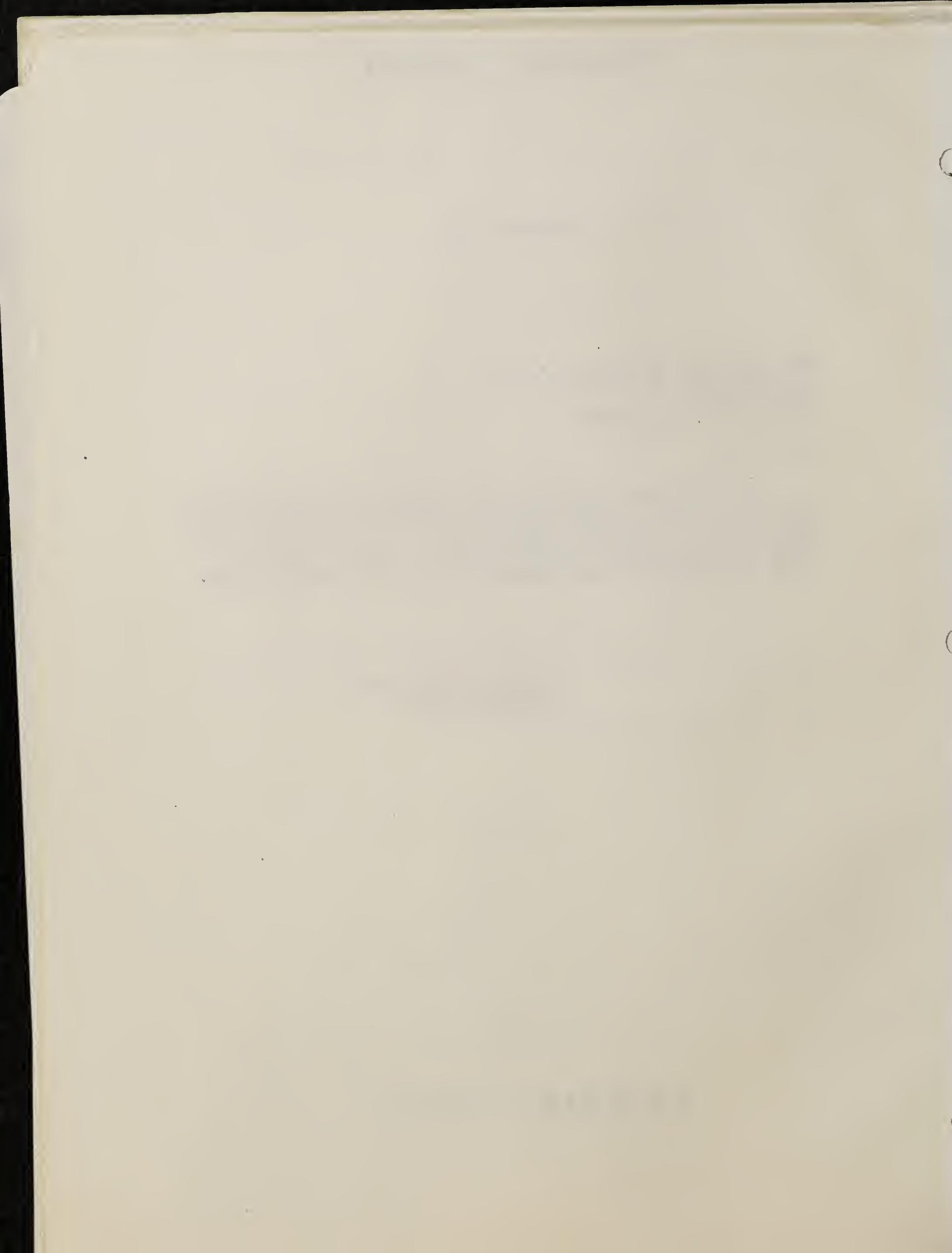
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
home of the Chairman in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at  
1:00 o'clock PM on Wednesday the 14th of December 1960.

Earle B Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

M E E T I N G    N O T I C E



WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Home of the Chairman  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

14 December 1960                    12:40 PM

Present were:    Mr Trinder, Chairman  
                    Mr Campbell, Clerk  
                    Mr Liberatore

The meeting was called to order and opened by the Chairman and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and accepted as read.

The budget estimate for 1961, as prepared by the Superintendent, was presented, read and discussed. It was moved and voted to present this estimate to the County Commissioners for their consideration.

The Acts of the General Court of the current year authorizing the Commission to construct a ski area were read and discussed. It was moved and voted to appoint the Superintendent to be Resident Engineer with full authority to act for the Commission in the construction and operation of the Wachusett Ski Area under Chapters 679 and 774 of the Acts of the current year, and for this additional service the Superintendent would receive a stipend of \$100. per month in addition to his regular pay and allowances, this sum to be drawn from the funds provided for the construction and operation of the Ski Area.

It was suggested that the following architects be nominated to the Commission on Administration and Finance as candidates for the design of the main lodge at this area:

Mr William E S Bird  
Princeton, Massachusetts

Mr C Wesley Dingman  
Princeton, Massachusetts

Mr John Guarino  
2 Lexington Street  
East Boston, Massachusetts

The Superintendent was further authorized to contact Mr Sel Hannah of Franconia, New Hampshire and to endeavor to engage him as consultant in the layout of the ski area.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

*Charles B Campbell*

Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

4 March 1961

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the home of Commissioner Frank W Liberatore in Fitchburg, Massachusetts at 7:30 PM on the 8th of March, 1961.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMISSIONERS

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WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION  
COMMISSION

EARLE R. VICKERY, JR.  
SUPERINTENDENT

1 January 1961

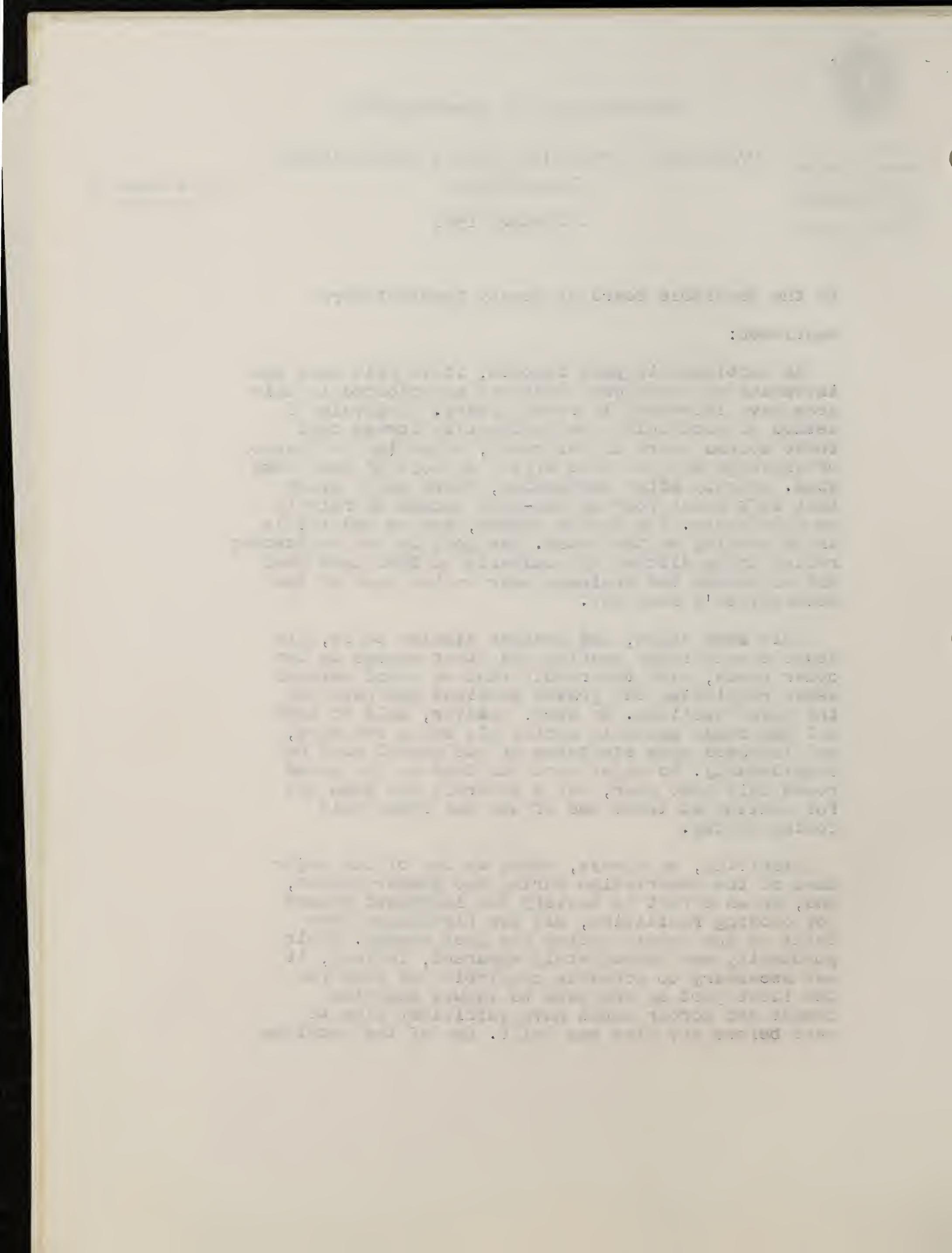
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

As mentioned in past reports, it is felt that the intensity of the storms that are experienced in this area have increased in recent years. To develop a method of containing the destructive forces that these storms exert on our roads, a new (to us) method of drainage was put into effect on most of Echo Lake Road. Shortly after completion, there was a storm that left about four and one-half inches of rain in as many hours. The system worked, and we had little or no washing on that road. Our goal is now to further refine these ditches and culverts on Echo Lake Road and to change the drainage over on the rest of the Reservation's road net.

This same storm, and another similar to it, did cause considerable washing and other damage on our other roads, with the result that we spent several weeks rebuilding the gravel sections and patching the paved sections. We were, however, able to keep all the roads passable during all but a few days, and improved some stretches of our gravel road net considerably. No major work was done on the paved roads this past year, but a contract has been let for sealing at least one of our tar roads this coming spring.

Picnicing, as always, ranks as one of the major uses of the Reservation during the summer months, and, in an effort to satisfy the increased demand for cooking facilities, six new fireplaces were built at the Summit during the past season. Their popularity was immediately apparent, in fact, it was necessary to schedule completion of them for the first part of the week to insure that the cement and mortar would have sufficient time to cure before any fire was built. One of the problems



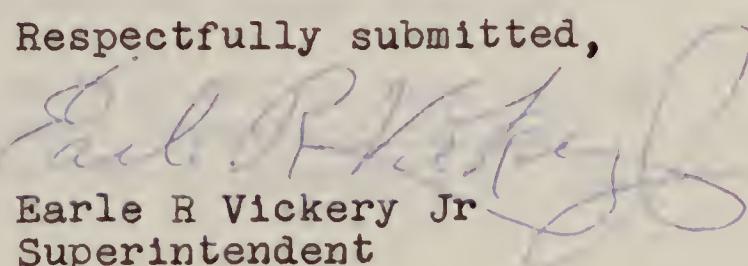
connected with the use of open fireplaces is the everpresent danger of the fire spreading to the surrounding woodlands. To overcome this danger, the use of quick-burning fuels, such as scrap lumber and soft wood, and continual supervision is necessary. It is planned to add other fireplaces, as convienient and safe locations are determined.

The harvesting of cordwood through thinning and improvement cutting was continued, as in the past. One by-product is the establishment of access roads that could be extremely useful in the event of fire, and are extensively used by hikers and riders. It is expected that cordwood and logging operations during the coming year will be carried out in conjunction with the clearing necessary for the proposed new ski area.

We again made sampling counts of the cars visiting the Reservation and found that our average was 1400 to 1500 cars per week. This sampling, together with other counts, showed that we had about 135,000 visitors in 1960.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Resolves of 1959, a thorough study of the advisability and feasibility of constructing a ski area on the Reservation was made and sent to the General Court. This study, and accompanying recommended legislation was finally approved and passed as Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1960, authorizing and directing the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission to construct the recommended ski area. To this end, an appropriation was made in the Capital Outlay Act of 1960, and the funds will become available early in 1961. Detail plans are rapidly progressing for this construction and it is expected that the new area can be opened early in December of 1961. Every precaution is being taken to insure that this new facility on the Reservation will blend with the natural appearance and traditional use of the area, while, at the same time, making its recreational riches available to thousands more of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Home of Commissioner Liberatore  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

8 March 1961                    8:55 PM

Present were: Mr Trinder, Chairman  
Mr Campbell, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and approved as read.

It was reported that the stipend voted the Superintendent for acting as Resident Engineer had been turned down by the Commission on Administration and Finance as being not legal. This was discussed and it was decided that the Commission would endeavor to submit a special bill to the General Court to rectify this. Mr Campbell was instructed to proceed with the submission of such a bill.

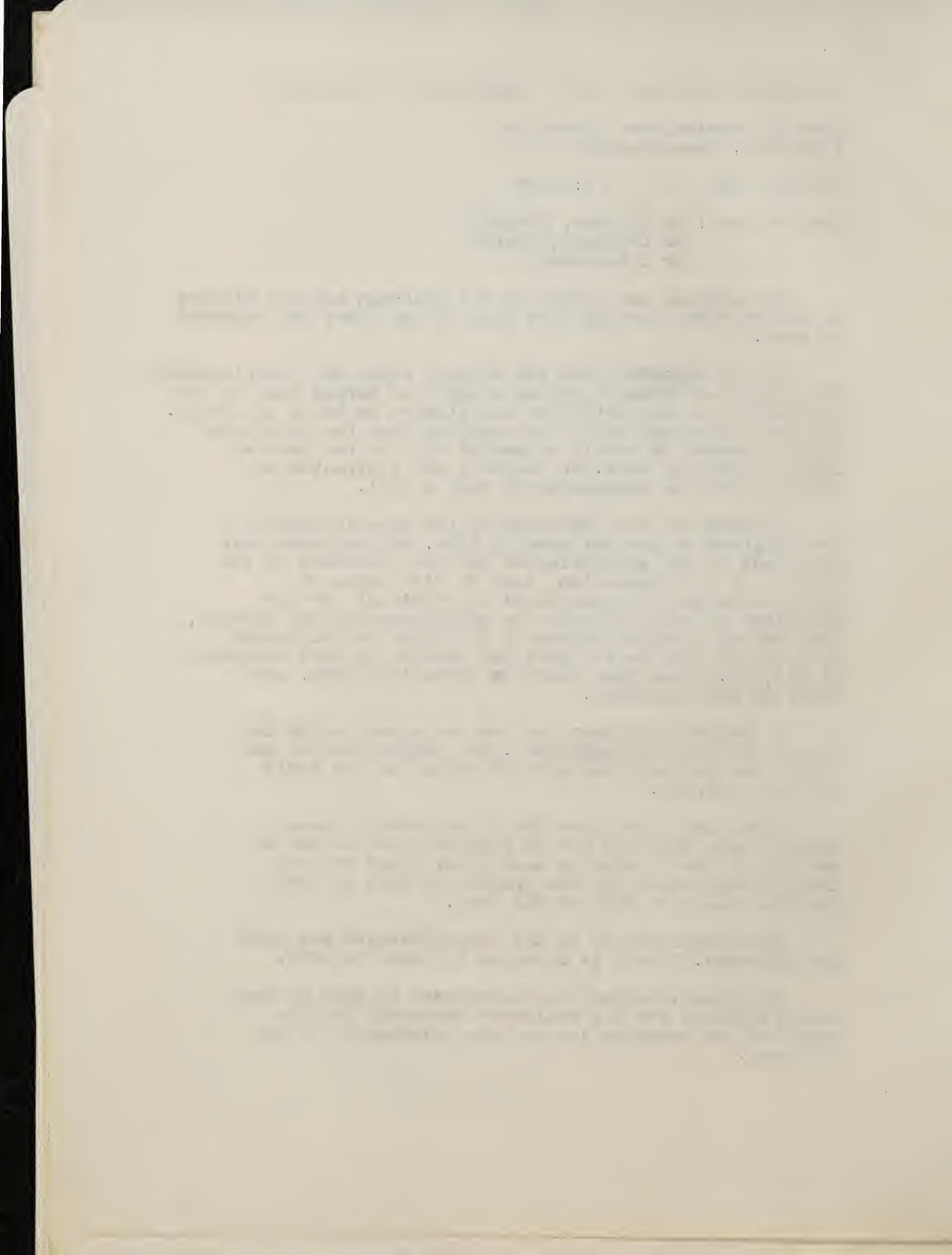
Information was submitted by the Superintendent on the progress of the Ski Area to date. He mentioned that the funds in the appropriation had been released to the control of the Commission, that Mr Vito Caola of Springfield had been appointed as architect for the buildings by the Commission on Administration and Finance, that we had obtained authority to employ Mr Sel Hannah to be consultant on the Area and that an initial allotment of \$65,700.00 had been made for consultant fees, land clearing and equipment.

A proposed contract for the employment of Mr Sel Hannah was read and approved. The Superintendent was instructed to negotiate with Mr Hannah on the basis of this contract.

Moved and voted that the Superintendent make arrangements with the County Commissioners to use a portion of their Suite or some other place in the County Court House for the opening of bids on the various phases of the new Ski Area.

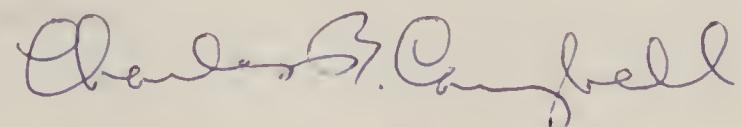
The Annual Report by the Superintendent was read and approved. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The Superintendent was authorized to draw up the specifications for the equipment necessary for our parts of the construction and the maintenance of the Ski Area.

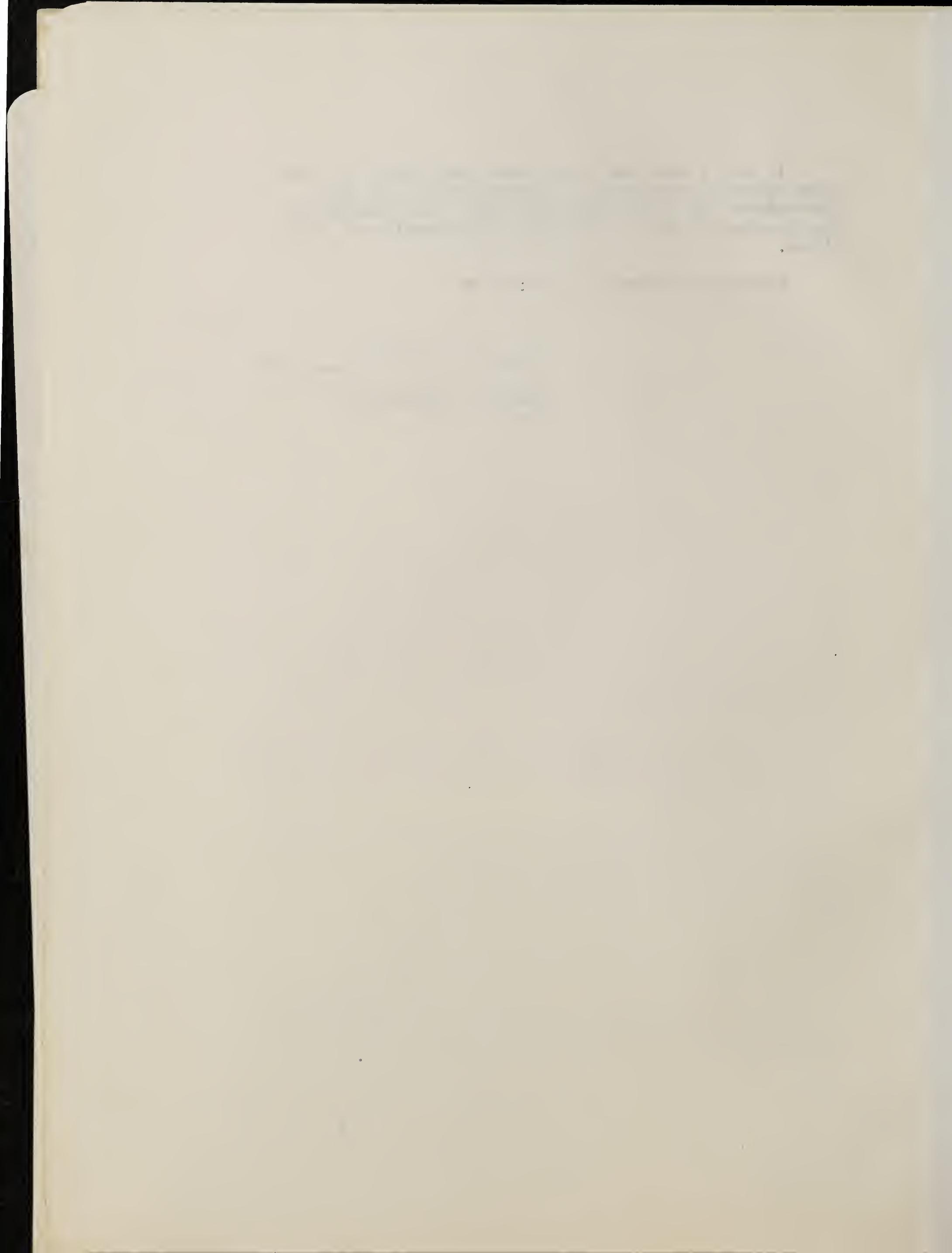


It was moved and voted that the thanks of the Commission be extended to Commissioner and Mrs Liberatore for their very generous hospitality to the Commissioners and the Superintendent and their wives.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM



Charles B Campbell  
Clerk



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

4 April 1961

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958 notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the offices of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, in the County Court House in Worcester, Massachusetts, at 11:00 o'clock AM on the 10th of April 1961

Earle E Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the County Commissioners  
Worcester, Massachusetts

10 April 1961                    11:00 AM

Present Were: Mr Trinder, Chairman  
                  Mr Campbell, Clerk  
                  Mr Liberatore

Before the regular meeting was held, the bids that had been received for the clearing of wood and timber from the ski trails were opened and read. Six bids were received, as follows:

Harry R Prescott	\$11,700.00
Log Cabin Nurseries	12,250.00 (bid not signed)
DeForest Tree Experts	11,025.00
E F Wilder	12,225.00 (bid not signed)
L Russo Construction	12,600.00
Charles Carrington	9,250.00 (bid not signed)

The Commission then went into executive session to discuss the bids received. It was decided that those bids that were not signed could not be considered inasmuch as they were not complete proposals. It was further decided to accept the bid of the DeForest Tree Experts for the clearing to be done.

The meeting was reopened at 11:30 AM.

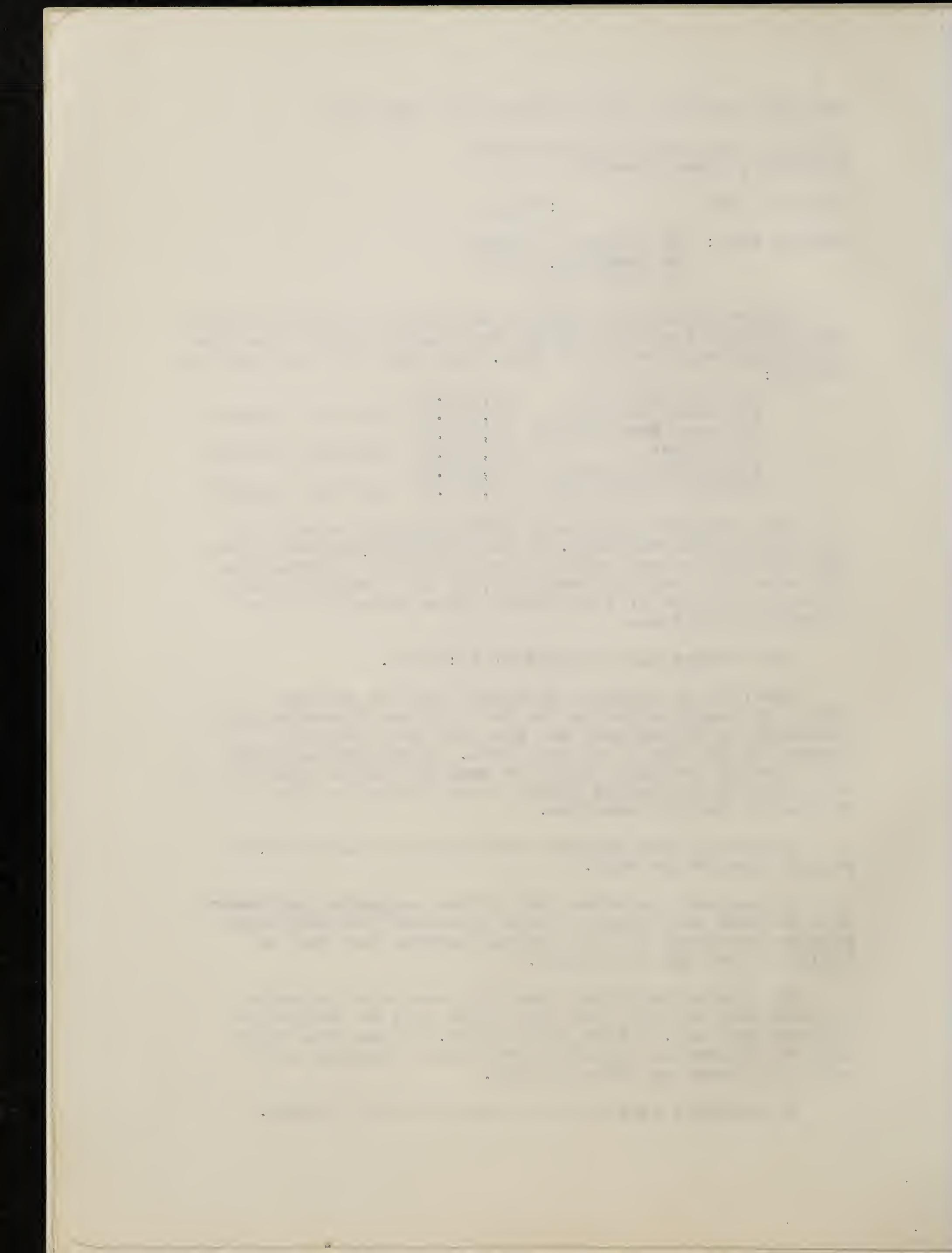
The form of contract necessary for the various phases of construction on the Ski Area was discussed and explained by Mr Campbell who had just completed the drawing up of such a contract form. It was decided that this form of contract should be used by the Ski Area in all its projects and Mr Campbell was thanked by the Commission for his services.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read at 11:59 AM and accepted as read.

Mr Campbell reported that he had contacted Rep Howard with respect to paying the Superintendent the additional stipend mentioned in the previous meeting but that no action as yet had been taken.

Mr Trinder suggested that the Commission organize for the year at this time, and moved that Mr Campbell be elected Chairman. Motion was carried. It was then moved that Mr Trinder be elected Clerk for the ensuing year and this motion was also carried.

Mr Campbell took over the Chair from Mr Trinder.



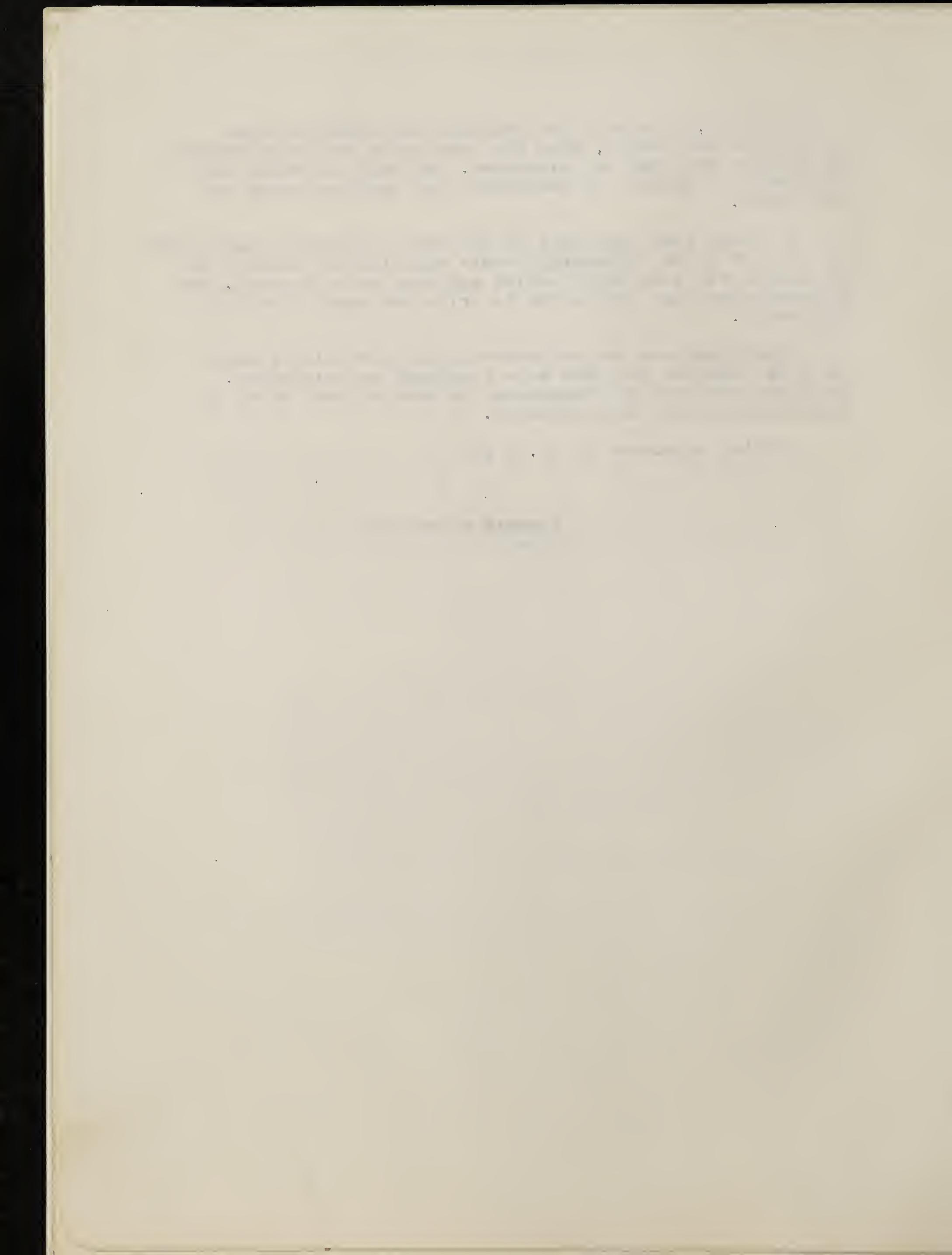
A letter, concerning the proposed new communications building at the Summit, from the Commission on Administration and Finance was read and discussed. The Superintendent was instructed to answer the questions that had been asked in the letter.

A letter from the Corps of Engineers requesting permission for the Air Force to maintain their experimental station on the Summit for a definite period was read and discussed. The Superintendent was instructed to write and grant them this permission.

Specifications and requirements for advertising bids for a Ski Shop on the Area were discussed and explained. the Superintendent was instructed to draw up such a set of specifications for advertisement.

Meeting adjourned at 12.37 PM

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



M E E T I N G   N O T I C E

26 May 1961

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

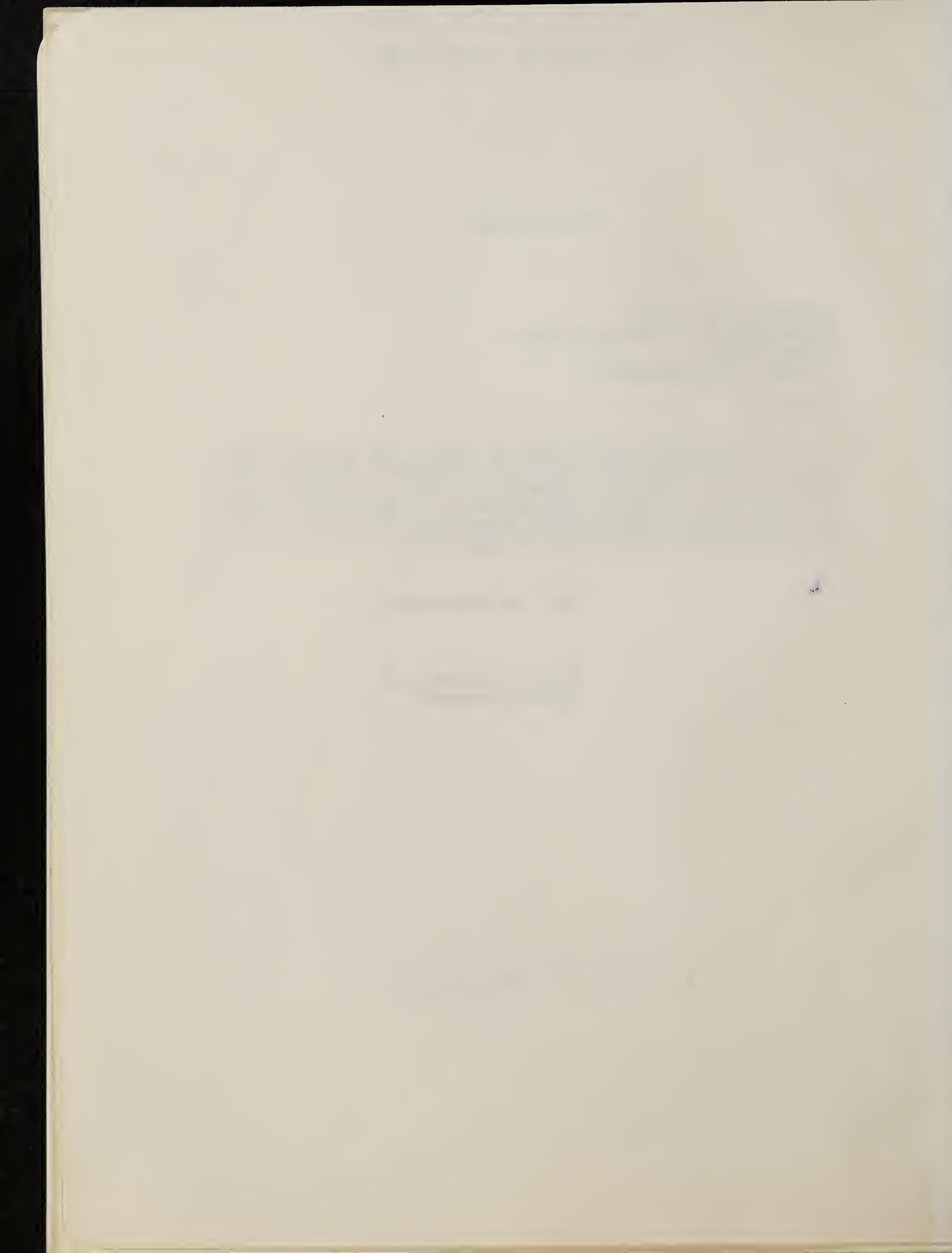
Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958 notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the offices of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, in the County Court House in Worcester, Massachusetts, at 11:00 AM EDT on the 5th of June 1961.

For the Commission

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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## WACHUSSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the County Commissioners  
Worcester, Massachusetts

5 June 1961                    11:05 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

Before the regular meeting was opened, the bids that had been received for the lifts, ski shop and snack bar were opened and read.

Four bids were received for the ski lifts, as follows:

Hall Ski Lift Co		\$80,465.00
Mueller Lifts		84,700.00
Roebling's Sons	Electric	102,051.00
	Engine	103,165.00
Associated Engrs	Electric	121,000.00
	Engine	132,000.00

Three bids were received for the ski shop concession, as follows:

Clifford Adams	6%	min of \$ 100.00
Alpine Ski Shop	12%	min of 600.00
Strand's Ski Shop	16%	min of 1100.00

Two bids were received for the snack bar, as follows:

Conti's Restaurant	7%	no min
Robert Vickery	8%	min of \$100.00

The Commission then went into executive session to discuss the bids that had been received. The ski lifts were awarded to the Hall Ski Lift Company, the ski shop concession was awarded to Strand's Ski Shop and the bids for the snack bar were rejected as the Commission felt that not enough information was available to the bidders on the snack bar, at this time.

The meeting was then reopened and called to order by the Chairman.

Moved and voted to have the Superintendent investigate the problem of having electric power installed at the Ski Area and report back to the Commission at an early date. From the preliminary report that the Superintendent had available it was decided that he should deal only with the Town of Princeton.



Meeting of 5 June 1961

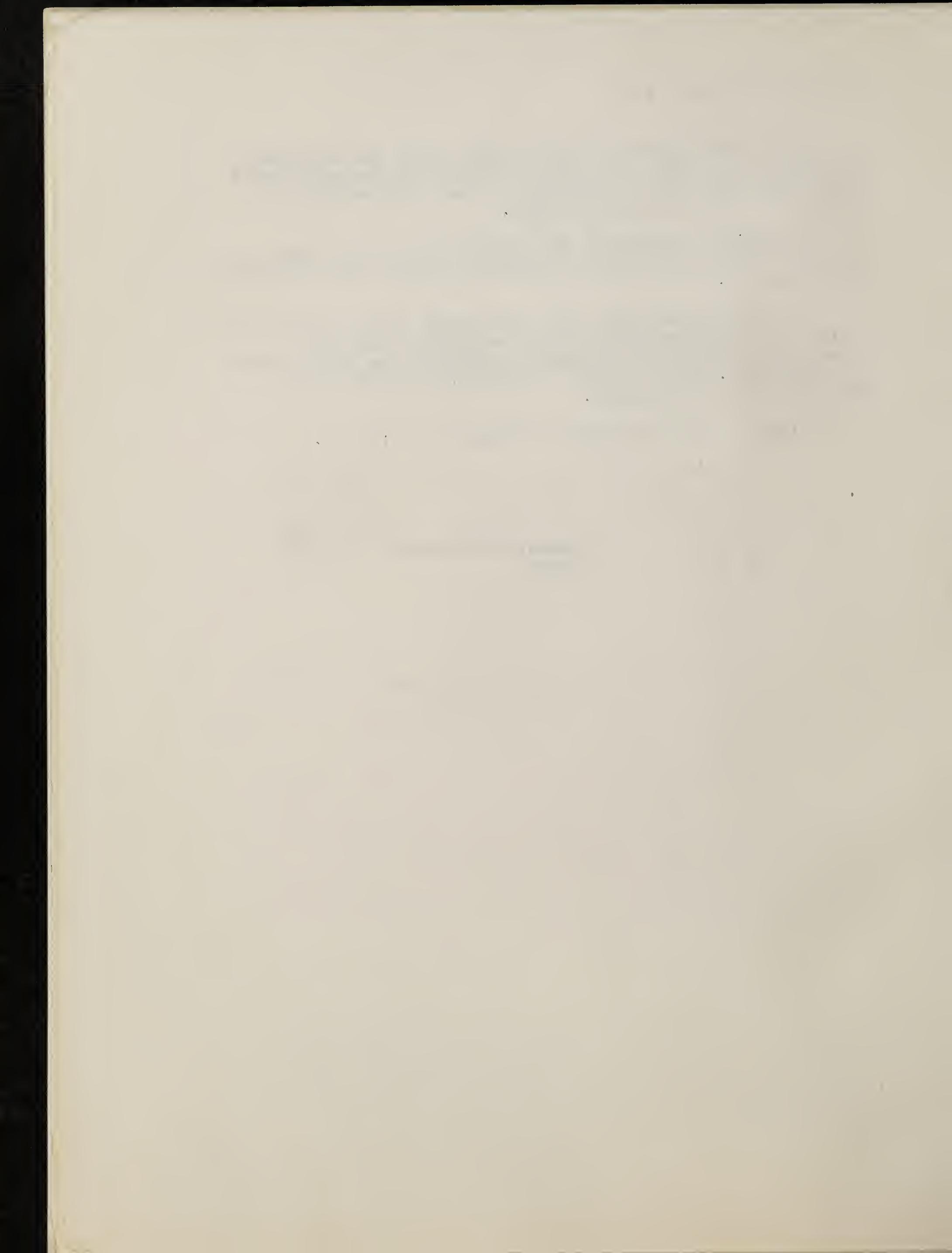
The development of rescue and first aid equipment for use on the Area was discussed and the Superintendent explained the type of equipment he was endeavoring to obtain and the reasons for this.

The recent purchases of two tractors and a wood chipper through the State Purchasing Bureau was discussed and approved.

A brief discussion with the County Commissioners was held and it was decided that a meeting of the two Commissions would be held at the Reservation on the 19th of September. This will be a luncheon meeting with a tour of the new Ski Area.

Motion made and voted to adjourn at 1:15 PM.

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



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12 July 1961

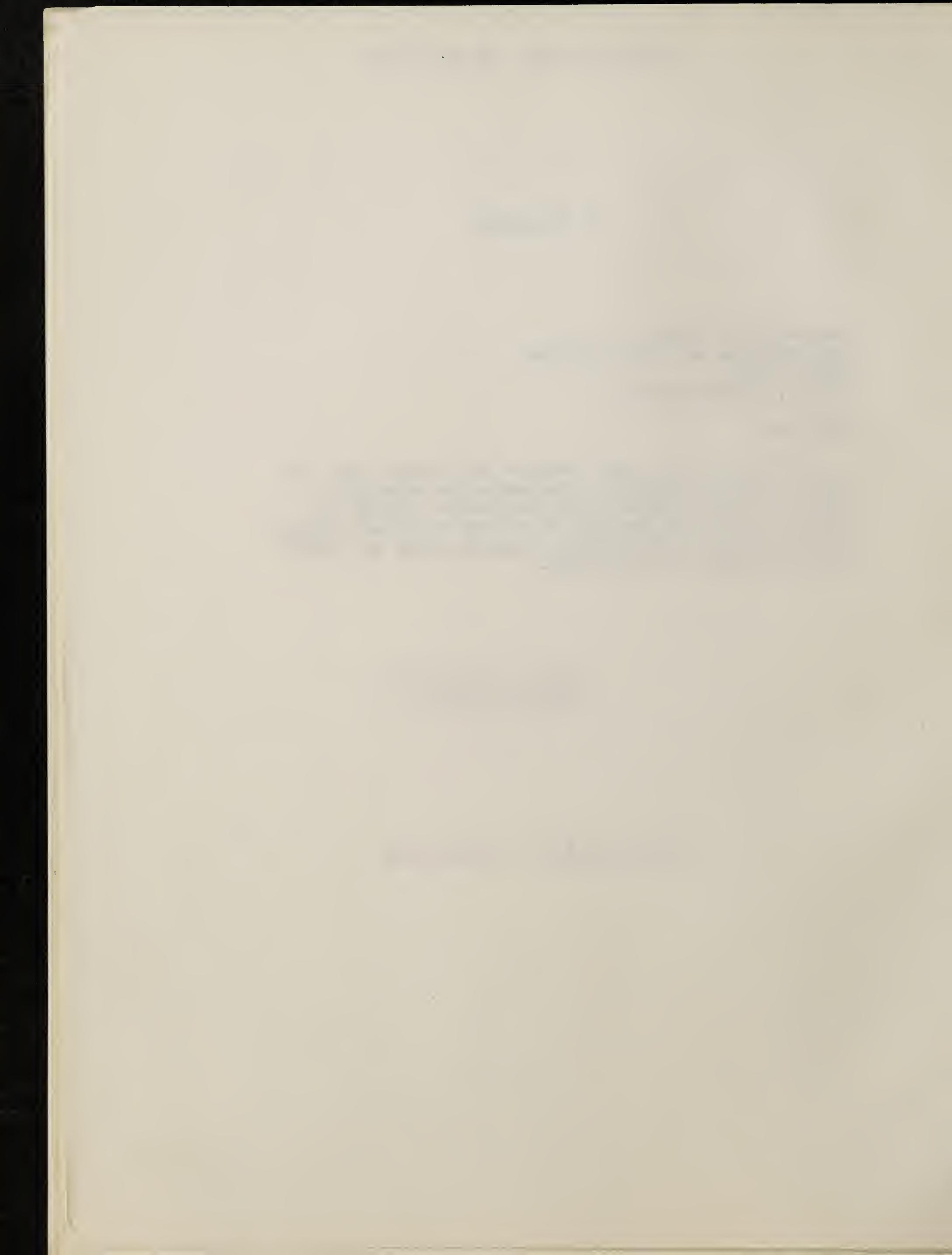
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the office of the Worcester County Commissioners in Worcester, Massachusetts at 11:00 AM on the 19th of July 1961.

Earle E Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the County Commissioners  
Worcester, Massachusetts

19 July 1961                    11:05 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
                  Mr Trinder, Clerk  
                  Mr Liberatore

Mr Poole of the Princeton Light Board  
Mr Rice of the Princeton Light Board  
Mr O'Connor, Manager of the Princeton Light Plant

It was directed by the Chairman that the minutes of the previous meeting be heard after the Commission had concluded the discussion with the Princeton Light Board.

The problem of supplying power to the Ski Area was discussed and explained by Mr Poole, The principal difficulty being the shifting of the present feeder to the town from the Hubbardston line to the Westminster line, the changeover from a feeder voltage of 4,800 to 13,000 and the construction of necessary lines and substation. The total cost of this change will be approximately \$23,000.00, of which the town would borrow about \$15,000.00 and the Reservation would pay \$8,000.00.

It was moved and voted that the Commission enter into an agreement with the Princeton Light Board to do the necessary construction mentioned above and the agreement forms were signed by all concerned. The Superintendent was instructed to have the agreement forms approved by the Attorney General and entered in the Comptroller's Bureau records.

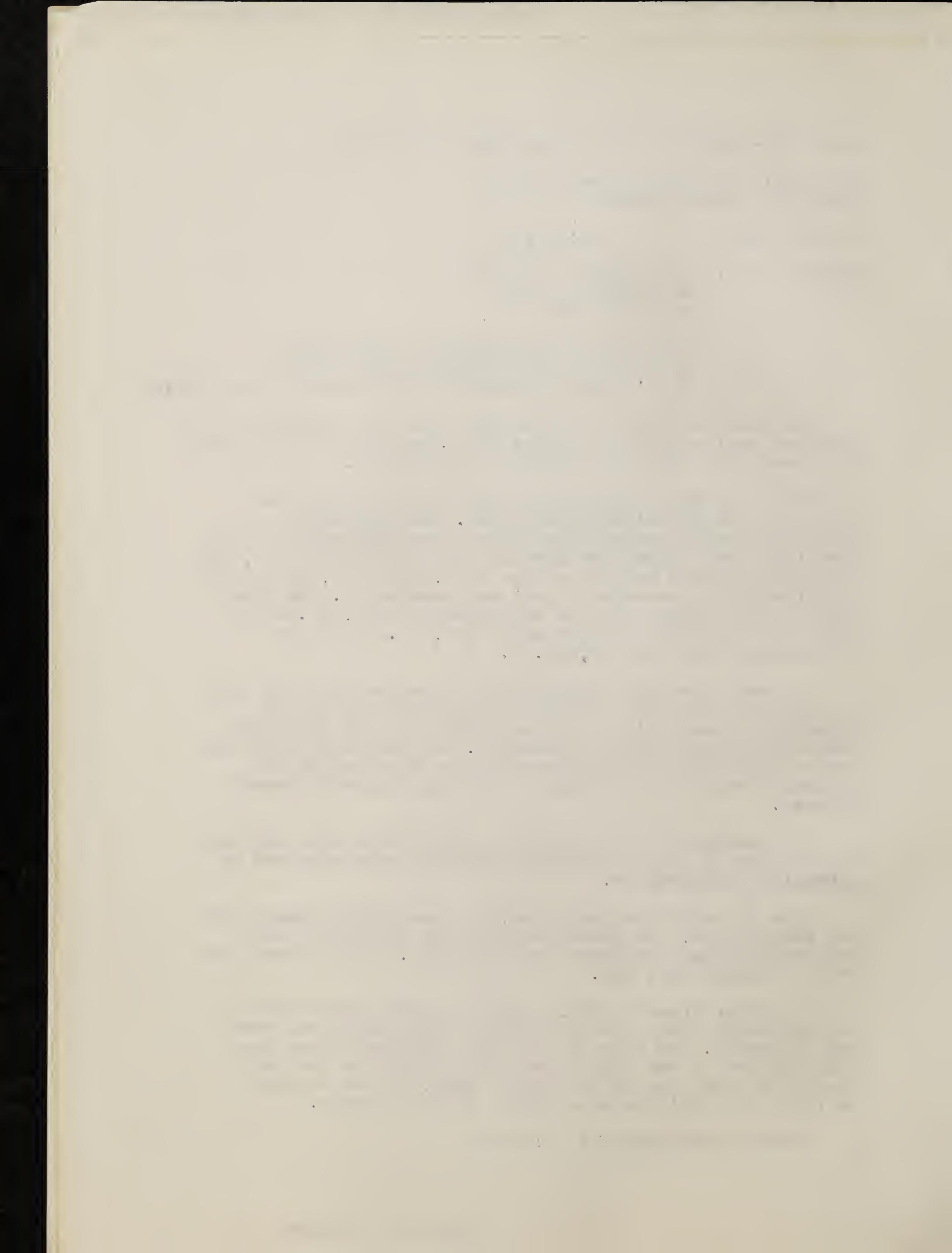
The members of the Princeton Light Board then left and the minutes of the two previous meetings were approved as appearing in the books.

The bid which was received, on a new station wagon for the Reservation, the previous Wednesday (being the only bid received) was examined and discussed. It was moved and voted to accept the bid.

A letter from the Civil Defense Agency requesting permission to erect a radio tower at the Summit was read and discussed. The file of the Civil Defense Agency was examined and it was discovered that permission for this tower had been granted in January 1959. It was decided to refer the Civil Defense Agency to this letter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

Kenneth G Trinder



MEETING NOTICE

19 July 1961

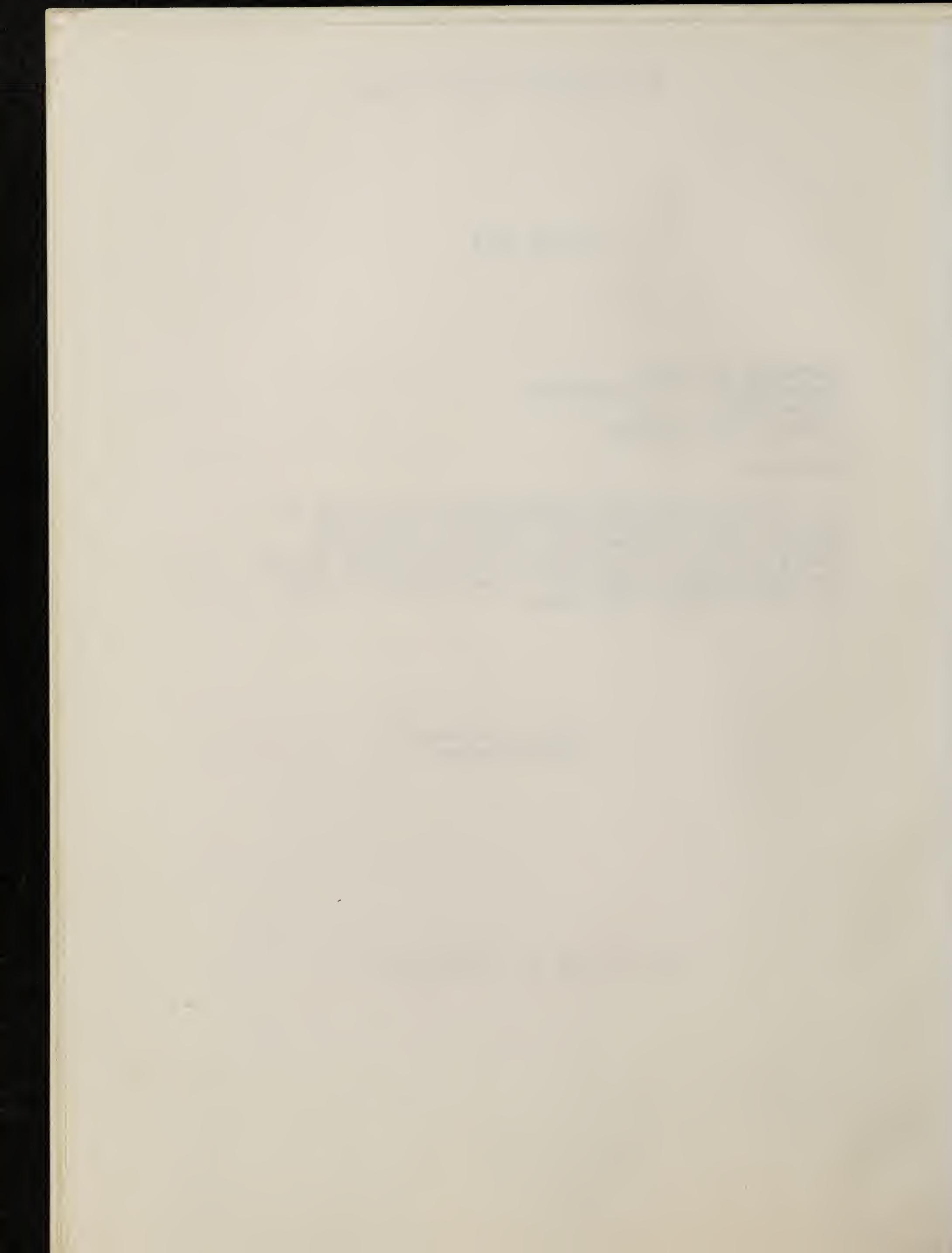
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958, notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the office of the Worcester County Commissioners in Worcester, Massachusetts at 11:00 AM on the 26th of July 1961.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



WACHUCETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Office of the County Commissioners  
Worcester, Massachusetts

26 July 1961

11:05 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

Before the regular meeting was opened, the bids for the grubbing and rough grading of the lift lines and ski trails were opened and read.

Three bids were received, as follows:

Julian Brothers	\$91,980.00
Paino-LaCava Company	7,977.00
Prescott	24,200.00

These bids were discussed at some length with especial consideration of the conditions and exceptions that were included in each proposal. It was determined that the bid from Paino-LaCava was the only bid that listed no exceptions, and the accuracy of their bid was questioned. It was agreed to decide to check with them and see if a mistake had been made, and if there was an inaccuracy in the bid to permit them to withdraw the bid if they wished. A call to Paino-LaCava and a subsequent discussion with them disclosed that there was no mistake and they would stand with their bid.

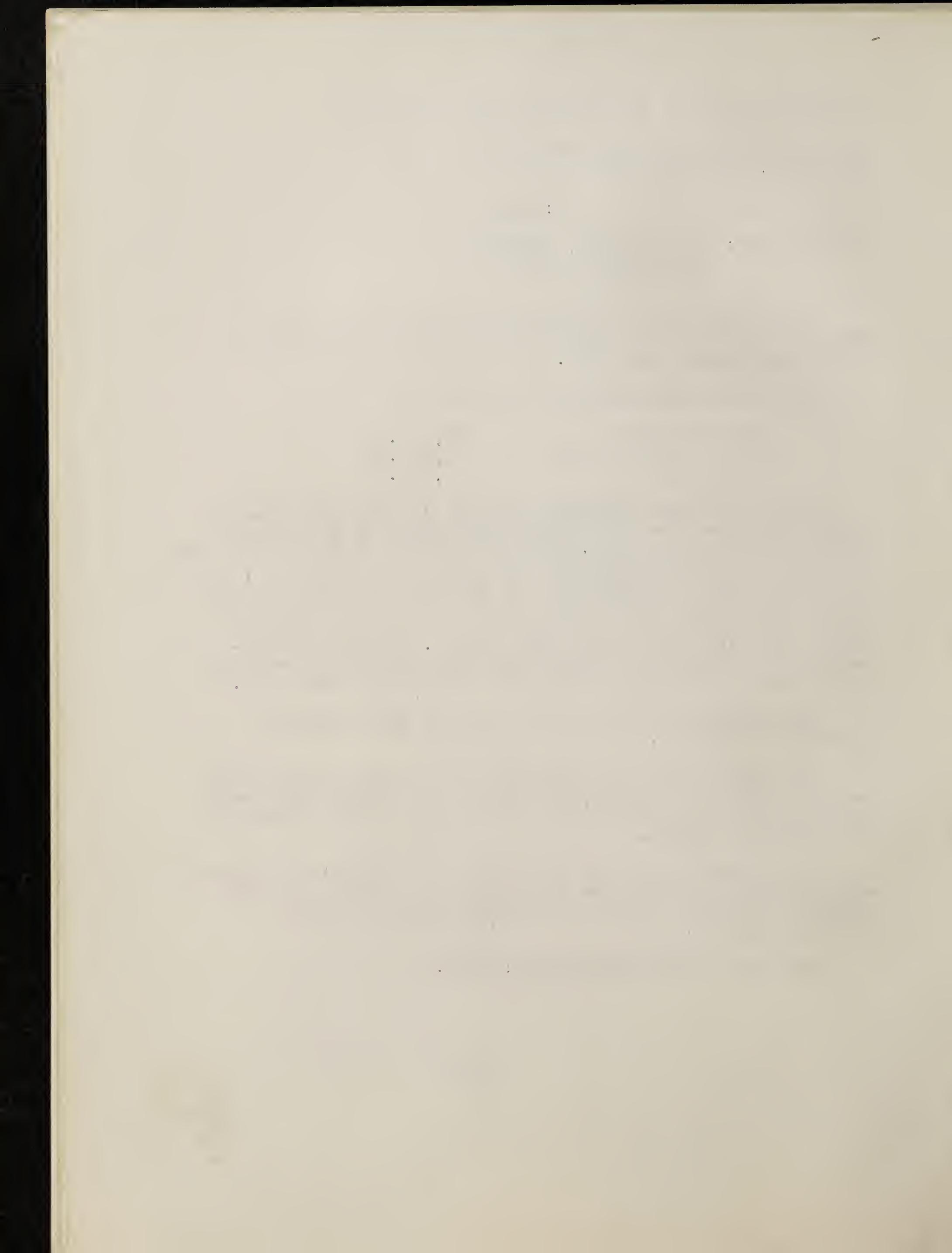
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

The bid for the rough grading was awarded to the Paino-LaCava Company of Waltham, and the Superintendent instructed to prepare a set of contracts for signature and approval by the Attorney General.

The Contracts for the Hall Lifts and Strand's Ski Shop were discussed, initialled and signed for delivery to the firms in question after the necessary approval of the Attorney General.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



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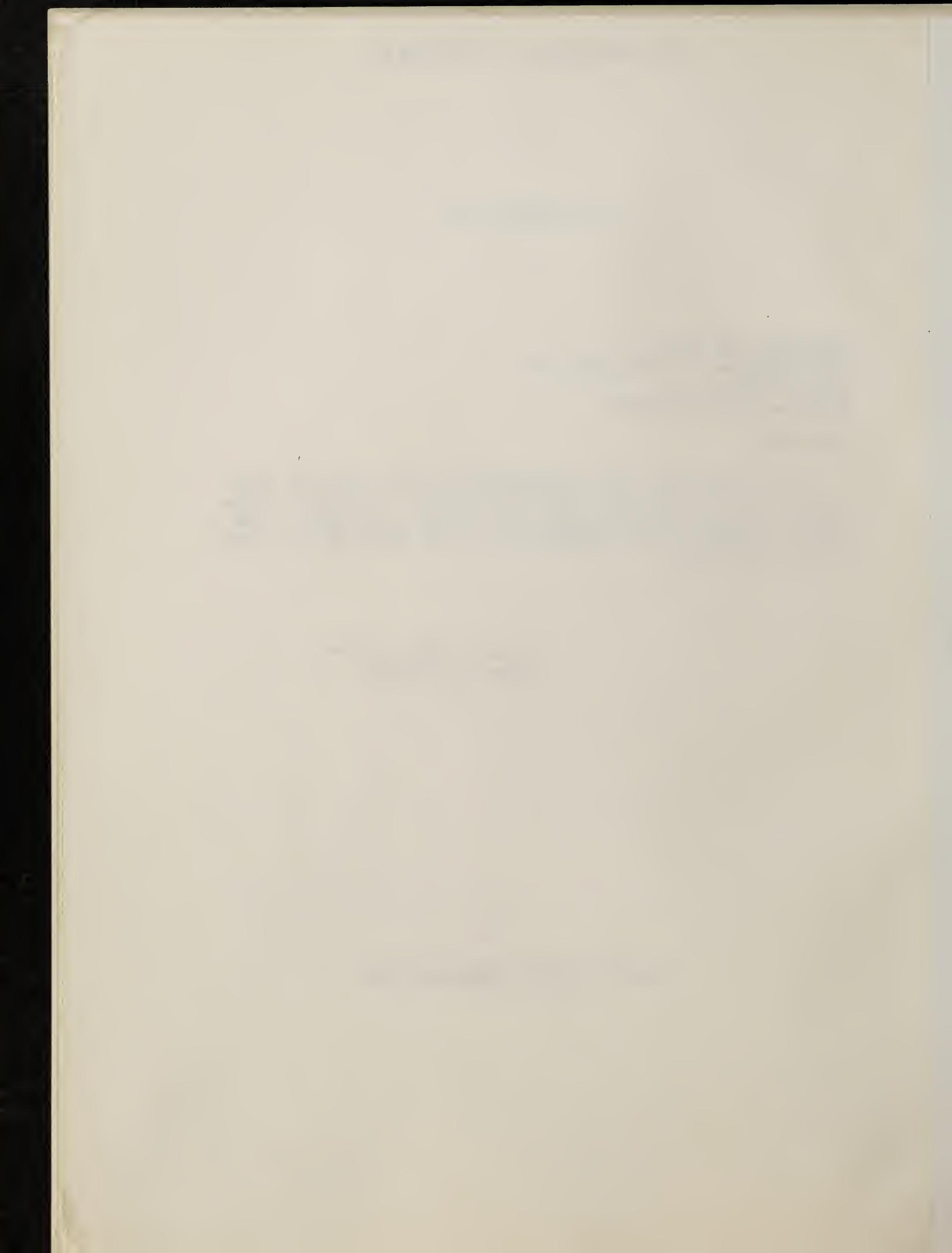
20 October 1961

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
Bullock Lodge on the Reservation at 10:00 AM on the 24th  
of October 1961.

Earle E Vickery Jr  
Superintendent



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Bullock Lodge  
Princeton, Massachusetts

24 October 1961                    11:30 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Liberatore

Mr Cassidy, Chairman of the County Commissioners  
Mr Aspero  
Mr Bird

An informal discussion period with the County Commissioners was followed by lunch with all of the above mentioned Commissioners present. The County Commissioners left for Fitchburg at about 1:15 PM.

Meeting of the Wachusett Commission opened at 1:30 PM and it was decided to put over the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting until the next meeting.

Necessary external electric construction to provide power to the ski lifts was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to draw up the necessary specifications and advertise for bids on this work.

Ski school formation and operation was discussed and it was decided to advertise for bids for this concession, but to do it at such a time that there would be no long delay before the opening of the area.

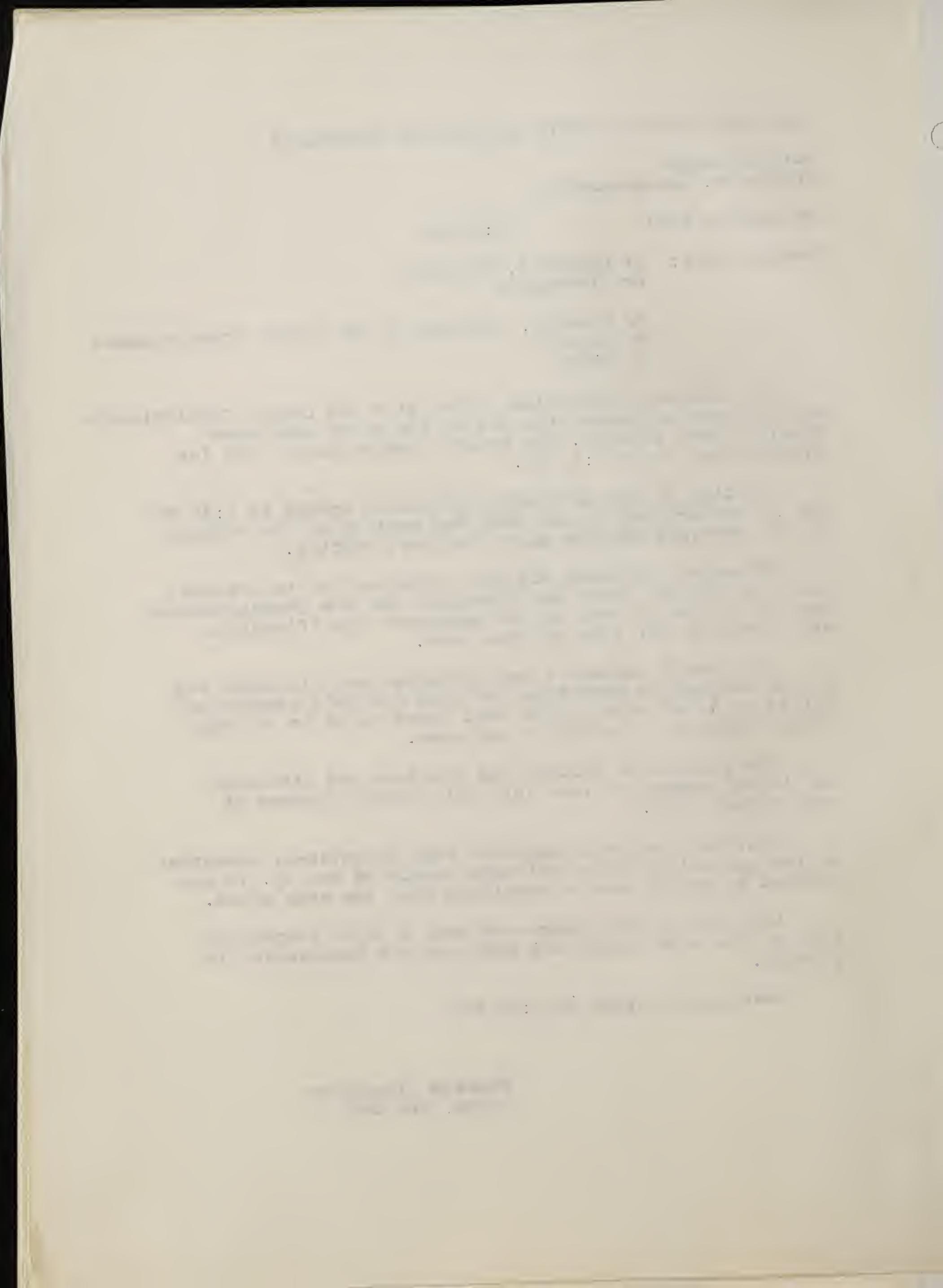
The subject of fallout and shelters was discussed and it was agreed to look into this matter further at some future date.

Chairman Campbell suggested that an advisory committee on the operation of the ski area should be set up. It was decided to set up such a committee when the area opens.

Left the Bullock Lodge and took a short inspection tour of the work on the ski area and the Reservation in general.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Frank W. Liberatore  
Clerk, pro tem



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25 November 1961

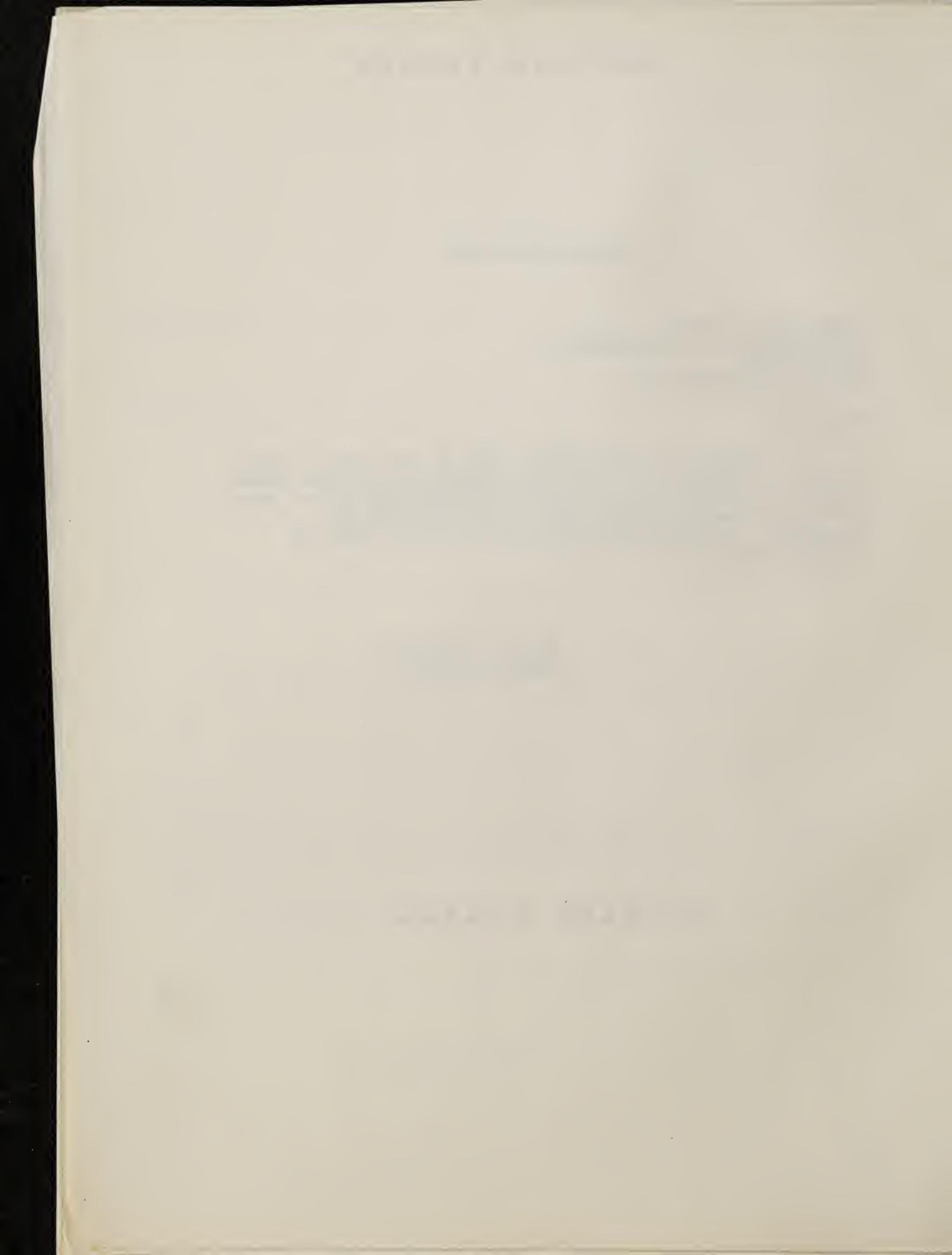
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In Compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958,  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
office of the Worcester County Commissioners in  
Worcester, Massachusetts at 11:00 AM on the 29th of  
November 1961.

Earle H Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

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WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

County Commissioners Office  
Worcester, Massachusetts

29 November 1961                    11:03 AM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
                  Mr Trinder, Clerk  
                  Mr Liberatore

Bids for the construction of the power line on the ski area were received and opened. They were as follows:

Fairbanks Electric Company        \$13,570.00

Seward Construction Company      7,245.00

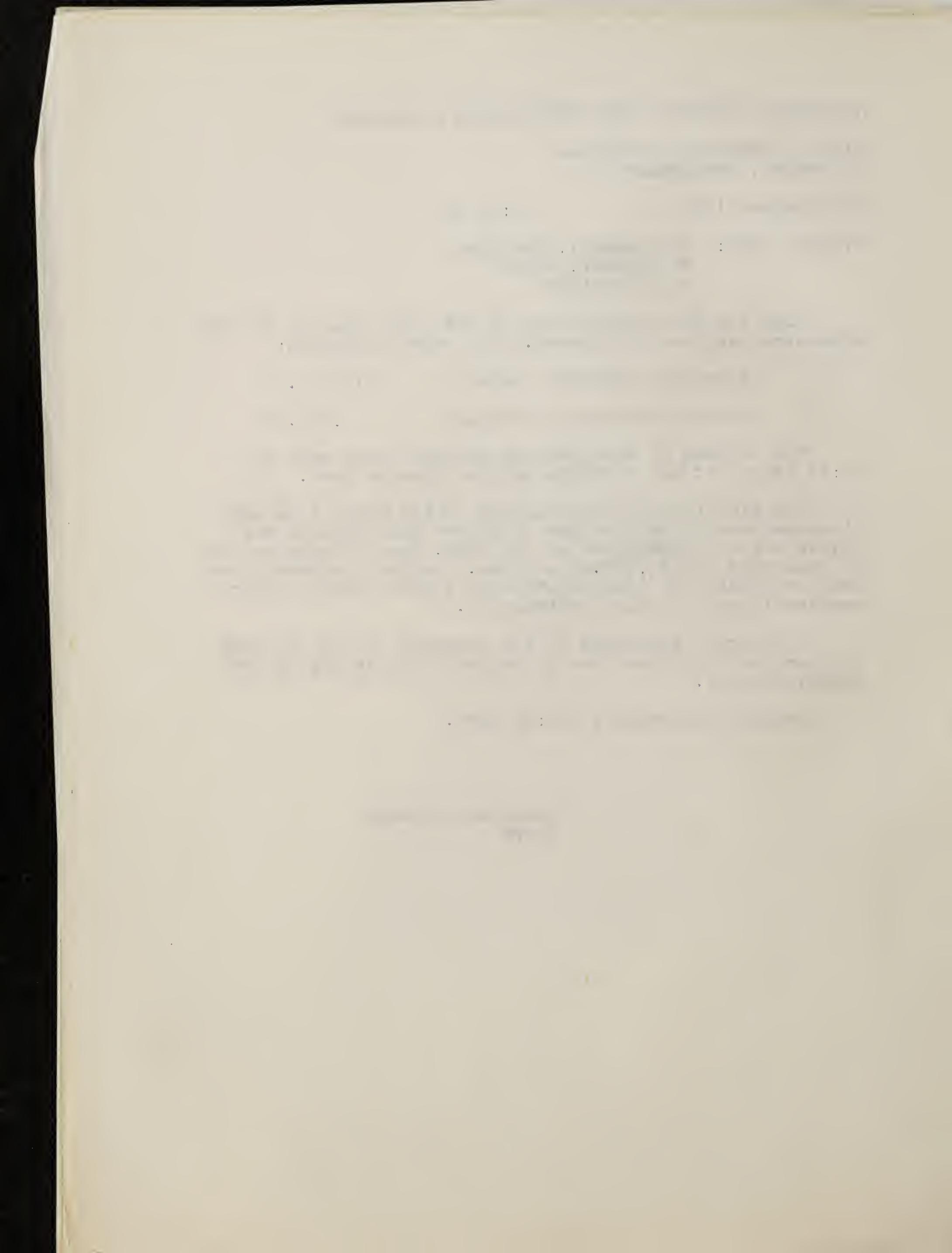
The minutes of the previous meetings were read at 11:10 AM and it was voted to approve them as read.

The Bids for the construction of the power line were discussed and it was decided to reject both bids as the prices were considered to be too high. The estimate on the job had been for \$3,500.00 or less. The Superintendent was then instructed to investigate this matter further before readvertising for this construction.

A general discussion of the progress on the ski area followed with explanations of progress and delays by the Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk



MEETING NOTICE

26 December 1961

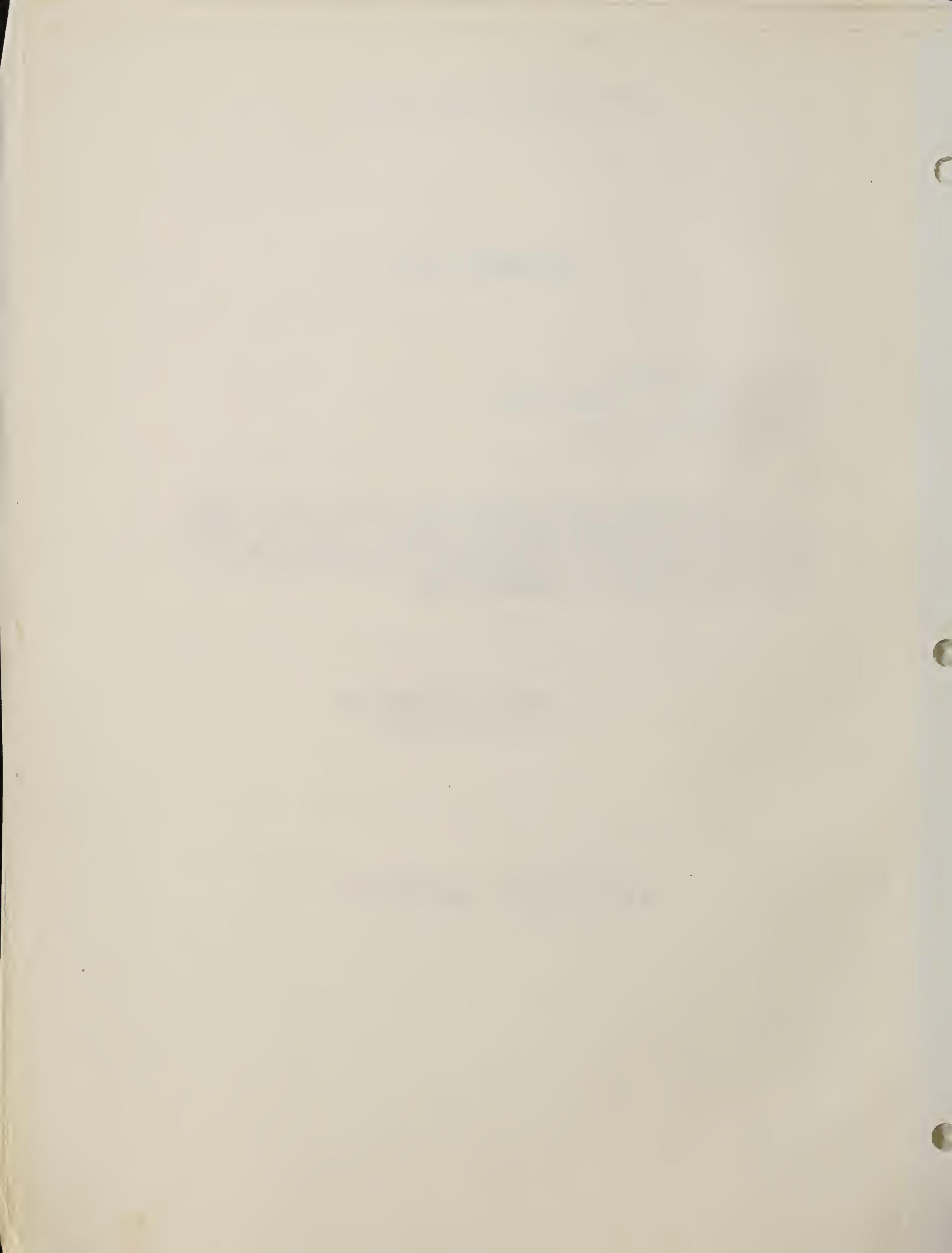
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In Compliance with Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958  
notice is hereby given that the Wachusett Mountain State  
Reservation Commission intends to hold a meeting at the  
Shrewsbury Motor Inn in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts at  
12:00 noon on 28th of December 1961.

Earle R Vickery Jr  
Superintendent

MEETING NOTICE



## WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION

Shrewsbury Motor Inn,  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

28 December 1961                    12:46 PM

Present were: Mr Campbell, Chairman  
Mr Trinder, Clerk  
Mr Liberatore

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and it was voted to approve them as they stood.

The budget estimate was presented by the Superintendent, and thoroughly studied and discussed. Several changes were suggested and adopted. Voted to submit the corrected budget to the County Commissioners for inclusion in the County Budget.

A tentative budget estimate for the month of December 1962 for the Ski Area was presented and discussed. Voted to submit this estimate to the County Commissioners as presented.

The Chairman announced that he had requested Representative Gammel of Worcester to file a bill on behalf of the Commission to permit the payment of the Superintendent for the construction and operation of the Ski Area, as voted in the meeting of the Commission on 14 December 1960. A copy of this proposed legislation and supporting memo is attached to these minutes.

It was voted to extend the thanks of the Commission to Mr Trinder for his hospitality at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.

Kenneth G Trinder  
Clerk

